

60-17-111. Requirements for advanced practice registered nurse refresher course.

- (a) (1) Each refresher course that prepares advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have not been actively engaged in advanced nursing practice for more than five years shall be accredited by the board.
- (2) If a formal refresher course is not available, an individualized course may be designed for a nurse. Each individualized course shall be accredited by the education specialist.
- (b) Each refresher course student shall meet both of the following conditions:
 - (1) Be licensed currently as a Kansas registered professional nurse; and
 - (2) have been licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in Kansas or another state or have completed the education required to be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in Kansas.
- (c) Continuing nursing education contact hours may be awarded for completion of APRN refresher courses. A contact hour shall equal a 50-minute hour of instruction.
- (d) The objectives and outcomes of the refresher course shall be stated in behavioral terms and shall describe the expected competencies of the applicant.
- (e) Each instructor for an APRN refresher course shall be licensed as an APRN and shall show evidence of recent professional education and competency in teaching.
- (f) Each provider that has been accredited by the board to offer an APRN refresher course shall provide the following classroom and clinical experiences, based on the length of time that the student has not been actively engaged in advanced nursing practice:
 - (1) For students who have not engaged in advanced nursing practice for more than five years, but less than or equal to 10 years, 150 didactic hours and 350 clinical hours; and
 - (2) for students who have not engaged in advanced nursing practice for more than 10 years, 200 didactic hours and 500 clinical hours.
- (g) The content, methods of instruction, and learning experiences shall be consistent with the objectives and outcomes of the course.
- (h) Each refresher course for the roles of nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, and nurse-midwife shall contain the following content:
 - (1) Didactic:
 - (A) Role alignment related to recent changes in the area of advanced nursing practice;
 - (B) the ethical and legal implications of advanced nursing practice;
 - (C) the health care delivery system;
 - (D) diagnostic procedures for the area of specialization; and
 - (E) prescribing medications for the area of specialization; and
 - (2) clinical:
 - (A) Conducting diagnostic procedures for the area of specialization;
 - (B) prescribing medications for the area of specialization;
 - (C) evaluating the physical and psychosocial health status of a client;
 - (D) obtaining a comprehensive health history;
 - (E) conducting physical examinations using basic examination techniques, diagnostic instruments, and laboratory procedures;
 - (F) planning, implementing, and evaluating care;
 - (G) consulting with clients and members of the health care team;
 - (H) managing the medical plan of care prescribed based on protocols or guidelines;
 - (I) initiating and maintaining records, documents, and other reports;
 - (J) developing teaching plans; and
 - (K) counseling individuals, families, and groups on the following issues:
 - (i) Health;
 - (ii) illness; and
 - (iii) the promotion of health maintenance.
- (i) Each student in nurse-midwife refresher training shall also have clinical hours in the management of the expanding family throughout pregnancy, labor, delivery, postdelivery care, and gynecological care.
- (j) The provider of each refresher course shall provide official evidence of completion to each individual who successfully completes the refresher course.

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