

West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses Guidelines for Continuing Education Requirements for Mental Health Conditions Common to Veterans and Family Members of Veterans.

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) guidelines for continuing education (CE) requirements for mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans are defined as educational offerings that include information on training on inquiring or inquiring about whether the patients are veterans or family members of veterans, and screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and prevention of suicide.

Specific Board guidelines include the following:

1. The initial course(s) is at least a total of 2 contact hours and may be counted as part of the 12 contact hour annual registered nurse (RN) CE requirement and must be completed on or before October 31 of the current license renewal year.
2. After the first 2 contact hour course, subsequent updates must be at least 2 contact hours and may be counted as part of the current 12 contact hour annual RN CE requirement and must be completed on or before October 31 of each year.
3. The training may be in 1 or 2 courses or a portion of a longer program provided the brochure or agenda describes the content and the number of contact hours related to the requirements.
4. The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional nurses accepts RN CE credit approved by any state board of nursing, or state/national nursing association approved RN CE provider course related to mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and prevention of suicide.