

West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses

Guidelines for Continuing Education Requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure

The West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses (Board) guidelines for continuing education (CE) requirements for advanced practice registered nurses for licensure renewal are found in WV19CSR7 on the WV RN Board website at www.wvrnboard.wv.gov under the law/scope tab. Scroll down to the Code of Legislative rules link. This takes you to the Secretary of State office administrative rules search page. Click on select agency and scroll down to registered professional nurses. Go to the bottom of the page and click search. All the rules for registered nurses come up. Scroll down to 19-07 Active.

Pursuant to WV19CSR7 advanced practice registered nurses license renewal requirements include:

6.1.b. Evidence of completion of a minimum of 24 contact hours obtained within the most recent licensure renewal cycle; 12 contact hours in pharmacotherapeutics, of which 8 contact hours may be used for renewal and reinstatement of Prescriptive Authority in accordance with WV19CSR8, and 12 contact hours in the clinical management of patients from an approved continuing education provider recognized by the Board. 12 contact hours may count toward the continuing education (CE) registered nurse (RN) requirement for registered nurse licensure according to WV19CSR11.

Specific Board guidelines include the following:

1. An advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) must complete 12 hours of pharmacotherapeutics (i.e. advanced pharmacology), and 12 hours of clinical management practice (i.e. advanced assessment, diagnoses, outcome identification, planning, intervention, and/or evaluation, etc.) by a Board approved CE provider each license renewal period (i.e. every other year in odd years) pursuant to WV19CSR7. For example, for a 2023 APRN license renewal period, the CE must be completed between July 1, 2021, to on or before June 30, 2023.

2. The training may be in 1 or more courses provided the brochure or agenda describes the content and the number of hours related to 12 contact hours of pharmacotherapeutics and 12 contact hours of clinical management approved by a Board approved CE provider; and the target population includes advanced practice registered nurses.

3. The West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses accepts CE credit provided by a Board approved CE provider. Examples of Board approved CE providers include:

- National advanced practice registered continuing education providers (i.e. American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), National Certification Corporation (NCC), Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB), etc.).
- National and state nurse associations (i.e., American Nurses Association (ANA), West Virginia Nurses Association (WVNA), American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA), etc.); and
- Any State Board of Nursing in the US or its territories.