

1 **21 NCAC 32M .0107 is proposed to be amended as follows:**

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3 **21 NCAC 32M .0107 CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)**

4 In order to maintain nurse practitioner approval to practice, the nurse practitioner shall earn 50 contact hours of
5 continuing education each year beginning with the first renewal after initial approval to practice has been granted.

6 At least 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be those hours for which approval has been granted by the American
7 Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), other
8 national credentialing bodies or practice relevant courses in an institution of higher learning. Every nurse
9 practitioner who prescribes controlled substances shall complete at least one hour of the total required continuing
10 education (CE) hours annually consisting of CE designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing
11 practices, signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, and controlled substance prescribing for chronic
12 pain management. Documentation shall be maintained by the nurse practitioner for the previous five calendar years
13 and made available upon request to either Board.

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15 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1; 90-8.1; 90-8.2; 90-14(a)(5); 90-18(14); 90-171.23(14);*

16 *Eff. January 1, 1996; 2015 Session Law 12F;*

17 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2004; May 1, 1999;*

18 *Recodified from Rule .0106 Eff. August 1, 2004;*

19 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2017; December 1, 2009; April 1, 2008;*

20 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1,*
21 *2016.*

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