

21 NCAC 32M .0107 CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)

In order to maintain nurse practitioner approval to practice, the nurse practitioner shall maintain certification as a nurse practitioner by a national credentialing body identified in Rule .0101(8) of this Section and earn 50 contact hours of continuing education each year beginning with the first renewal after initial approval to practice has been granted. At least 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be in the advanced practice nursing population focus of the NP role ~~those hours~~ for which approval has been granted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), other national credentialing bodies, or practice relevant courses in an institution of higher learning. Every nurse practitioner who prescribes controlled substances shall complete at least one hour of the total required continuing education (CE) hours annually consisting of CE designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices, ~~signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances,~~ and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. CE that includes recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, or non-opioid treatment options shall qualify for the purposes of this Rule. Documentation shall be maintained by the nurse practitioner for the previous five calendar years and made available upon request to either Board.

*History Note: Authority ~~G.S. 90-5.1;~~ G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-8.1; 90-8.2; 90-14(a)(5); S.L. 2015-241, s. 12F; Eff. January 1, 1996;
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