

CRITERIA FOR APPN CONTINUING EDUCATION
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Board of Nursing rules for advanced practice professional nurses require evidence of continuing education at the time of renewal of the APPN license. APPNs in the categories of Certified Nurse Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse Anesthetist must provide documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education during each renewal period (see IDAPA 23.01.01.300.03).

At their meeting on February 19, 1999, the members of the Board of Nursing adopted "Criteria for Continuing Education for APPN Licensure Renewal" as developed and recommended by the Board's APPN Advisory Committee. The criteria address requirements for providers of CE, the relevance of content of CE, acceptable CE activities and documentation of participation. The criteria indicate that:

1. The provider of continuing education must be
 - a. a nationally recognized nursing organization; or
 - b. an accredited academic institution; or
 - c. a provider of continuing education recognized by another board of nursing; or
 - d. a provider of continuing education recognized by a regulatory body of another discipline (e.g. CME, CPE, telemedicine); or
 - e. approved by the Board of Nursing.
2. Content must be related to the practice of the APPN
3. Acceptable CE activities will include activities identified in #1 above and in addition, may include
 - a. participate as the presenter of approved continuing education programs identified in #1 (presenting continuing education programs may not be your primary job responsibility);
 - b. participation in related professional activities including but not limited to research, published material, teaching, peer review, precepting and professional auditing. A total of no more than three (3) contact hours may be awarded for related professional activities;
4. The licensee must produce evidence of documentation of completion of the continuing education activity (e.g. transcript, certificate, verification letter, etc.) upon request.

At the time of licensure renewal, all APPNs will be asked to attest to completion of required CE which complies with the above criteria. A sampling of APPNs will be audited at each renewal for compliance with identified requirements.