

**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**CME REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL APPLICATION
FOR NURSE-MIDWIFE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY LICENSE**

- **Effective January 1, 2015**, Per Act 31 of 2014 all persons applying for issuance of an initial license shall be required to complete 3 hours of DHS-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure. Once you have completed a course, the approved provider will electronically submit your name, date of attendance, etc., to the Board.

- **Effective January 1, 2017**, Section 9.1(a) of ABC-MAP* requires that all prescribers or dispensers, as defined in Section 3 of ABC-MAP, applying for licensure/approval complete at least 4 hours of Board-approved education consisting of 2 hours in pain management or the identification of addiction and 2 hours in the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids. Applicants seeking licensure/approval on or after July 1, 2017 must document, within one year from issuance of the licensure/approval, that they completed this education either as part of an initial education program, a stand-alone course from a Board-approved course provider, or a continuing education course from an approved continuing education provider. The 4 hours of Board-approved education needs to be completed only once. See the Board's website for the Opioid Education forms and additional information.
*The Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program Act (ABC-MAP) (Act 191 of 2014, as amended) is available on the Legislature's website at:
<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2014&sessIn d=0&smthLwInd=0&act=191>

- Applicants must verify completion of advanced pharmacology course work that includes: (A) 45 hours of course work specific to advanced pharmacology from a college, university or medical/nursing school at a level beyond the basic professional nursing education program, and (B) 16 hours of advanced pharmacology course work completed within 2 years immediately preceding the application for prescriptive authority.
A) 45 hour of advanced pharmacology course work requirement– The State Board of Medicine has approved the following options for meeting this requirement:
 1. Advanced pharmacology courses that are part of a college, university or medical/nursing school curriculum.
 2. Alternatively, applicants may complete continuing education programs approved by the State Board of Nursing as having met the requirements of Sections 21.283 2(i) and (ii) of the Nurse Board regulations (45 hours of course-work in advanced pharmacology). The following programs have received this approval:
 - Pennsylvania State University School of Nursing
NSG 504 – Pharmacologic Therapy in the Primary Care Setting (with examination)
Live presentation – **45 clock hours**

 - University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
NUR 2034 – Advanced Pharmacology
Live presentation – **45 clock hours**

 - Contemporary Forums
Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Clinicians
Live presentation – **45 clock hours**

- Fitzgerald Health Education Associates, Inc.
Clinical Pharmacology for Nurse Practitioners & Advanced Practice Clinicians
 - Live presentation – **45 clock hours**
 - Online – **51.2 clock hours**
- Barkley & Associates, Inc
45-Hour Online Advanced Pharmacology Course

B) If the 45 hour advanced pharmacology course work requirement was completed more than 2 years prior to the submission date of the application, then 16 hours of coursework in advanced pharmacology must be completed within 2 years immediately preceding the submission date of the application. Advanced pharmacology coursework from any accredited CE provider (listed below) is acceptable to meet this requirement.

- All other continuing education hours must be obtained from an accredited provider AND must be advanced pharmacology.
- Continuing education providers must verify the amount of advanced pharmacology time awarded for each continuing education course.

NOTE: The Board does NOT consider all pharmacy continuing education hours to be equivalent to advanced pharmacology continuing education hours.

ACCREDITED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS:

- All Board of Nursing approved CRNP programs
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC)
- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNP)
- The American Medical Association (AMA)
- Nationally accredited CRNP programs
- National and international nursing organizations and their state and local affiliates
- National and international medical and osteopathic organizations and their state and local affiliates
- National pharmaceutical organizations and their state and local affiliates
- National nursing specialty organizations
- Continuing education programs reviewed and approved by other State Boards of Nursing

In order to verify compliance with the pharmacology continuing education requirement, CE providers will need to verify the advanced pharmacology content of their continuing education programs. The provider would need to supply a certificate, report, statement, letter, etc., to the participant that clearly states that of the total hours of continuing education granted for the course, exactly how many of these hours of CE are considered to qualify as "advanced pharmacology" content/hours.

PLEASE NOTE: THE BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE NOR RECOMMEND ANY CME COURSES.

IT IS THE LICENSEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN/TRACK THEIR PERSONAL CME CREDIT HOURS.

LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN PROOF OF COMPLETION OF CME FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CME OR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FOR WHICH THE CME WAS REQUIRED, WHICHEVER IS LATER.