

PART 6. CONTINUING EDUCATION

R 338.10601 License renewals; requirements; applicability.

Rule 601. (1) Pursuant to section 16201 of the code, MCL 333.16201, an applicant for license renewal who has been licensed for the 2-year period immediately before the expiration date of the license, shall accumulate not less than 25 hours of continuing education that are approved by the board pursuant to these rules during the 2 years before the expiration of the license.

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(2) An applicant for license renewal shall complete not less than 2 hours, of the 25 required hours, of continuing education in pain and pain symptom management in each renewal period pursuant to section 16204(2) of the code, MCL 333.16204. Continuing education in pain and pain symptom management may include, but is not limited to, courses in behavior management, psychology of pain, pharmacology, behavior modification, stress management, clinical applications, and drug interventions as they relate to professional practice.

(3) Submission of an application for renewal constitutes the applicant's certification of compliance with the requirements of this rule. A nurse shall retain documentation of meeting the requirements of this rule for a period of 4 years from the date of applying for license renewal. The board may require an applicant to submit evidence to demonstrate compliance with this rule. Failure to comply with this rule is a violation of section 16221(h) of the code, MCL 333.16221.

(4) A request for a waiver under section 16205 of the code, MCL 333.16205, must be received by the department before the expiration date of the license.

(5) The requirements of this part do not apply to an applicant during an initial licensure cycle.

History: 1996 AACCS; 2003 AACCS; 2017 AACCS; 2018 AACCS; 2020 AACCS; 2022 MR 10, Eff. May 24, 2022.

R 338.10602 Acceptable continuing education; requirements; limitations.

Rule 602. (1) The 25 hours of continuing education required pursuant to R 338.10601(1) for the renewal of a license must comply with the following, as applicable:

(a) No more than 12 credit hours may be earned during a 24-hour.

(b) An applicant may not earn credit for a continuing education program or activity that is identical to a program or activity the applicant has already earned credit for during that renewal period.

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I (2) The board shall consider the following as acceptable continuing education:

ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES	
(a)	<p>Completion of an approved continuing education program or activity related to the practice of nursing or any non-clinical subject relevant to the practice of nursing. A continuing education program or activity is approved, regardless of the format in which it is offered, if it is approved or offered for continuing education credit by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).
	<p>The number of hours approved by the sponsor or the approving organization.</p> <p>If the activity was not approved for a set number of hours, then 1 credit hour for each 60 minutes of participation may be earned.</p>

	<p>The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).</p> <p>The American Medical Association (AMA).</p> <p>The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).</p> <p>The American Osteopathic Association (AOA).</p> <p>The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists.</p> <p>The National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc. (NAPNES).</p> <p>The National League for Nursing (NLN).</p> <p>Another state or provincial board of nursing.</p> <p>A continuing nursing education program offered by a nursing education program that is approved by the board under R 338.10303a.</p> <p>If audited, an applicant shall submit a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the applicant's name, number of hours earned, sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for continuing education credit, and the date on which the program was held or activity completed.</p>	
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(b)	<p>Completion of academic courses related to nursing practice offered by a nursing education program in this state approved by the board under part 3 of these rules or a post-licensure or graduate nursing program that is nationally accredited by a nursing education accrediting organization included in R 338.10303d(2).</p> <p>If audited, an applicant shall submit an official transcript that reflects completion of the academic course and number of semester or quarter credit hours earned.</p>	<p>Five hours of continuing education may be earned for each semester credit hour earned.</p> <p>Three hours of continuing education may be earned for each quarter credit hour earned.</p>
(c)	<p>Obtaining specialty certification or maintaining certification as 1 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical nurse specialist. Nurse anesthetist. Nurse midwife. Nurse practitioner. 	<p>Twenty-five hours, which includes 2 hours for pain and symptom management, may be credited for obtaining or maintaining specialty certification during the renewal period.</p>

	<p>If audited, an applicant shall submit proof of certification or recertification.</p>	
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(d)	<p>Successful completion of a national nursing specialty examination.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I</p> <p>If audited, an applicant shall submit proof of a passing score on the examination.</p>	<p>Ten hours may be earned in the year in which the applicant achieves a passing score.</p> <p>A maximum of 20 hours may be earned in each renewal period. Credit must not be given for repeating the same examination in a renewal period.</p>
(e)	<p>Initial publication of a chapter or an article related to the practice of nursing or allied health in any of the following: A nursing or health care textbook. A peer-reviewed textbook. A nursing or health care peer-reviewed journal.</p> <p>If audited, an applicant shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the applicant as the author or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	<p>Ten hours per publication.</p> <p>A maximum of 10 hours may be earned in each renewal period.</p>
(f)	<p>Independent reading of articles or viewing or listening to media related to nursing practice that do not include a self-assessment component.</p> <p>If audited, an applicant shall submit an affidavit attesting to the number of hours the applicant spent participating in these activities and that includes a description of the activity.</p>	<p>One hour for each 50 to 60 minutes of participation.</p> <p>A maximum of 4 hours may be earned in each renewal period.</p>
(g)	<p>Participation on a health care organization committee dealing with quality patient care or utilization review.</p> <p>If audited, an applicant shall submit a letter from an organization official verifying the applicant's participation and the number of hours the applicant spent participating on the committee.</p>	<p>One hour for each 60 minutes of participation.</p> <p>A maximum of 4 hours may be earned in each renewal period.</p>

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(h)	Presentation of an academic or continuing education program that is not a part of the applicant's regular job description.	Three hours may be earned for each 60 minutes of presentation. A maximum of 6 hours may be
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	If audited, an applicant shall submit a copy of the curriculum and a letter from the program sponsor verifying the length and date of the presentation.	earned in each renewal period.
(i)	<p>Participation as a preceptor for at least 1 nursing student or a new employee undergoing orientation.</p> <p>A preceptorship must be for a minimum of 120 hours and have a 1 student/employee to 1 preceptor ratio. This may involve more than 1 student or employee.</p> <p>If audited, an applicant shall submit written documentation from the educational institution or preceptor's supervisor verifying the dates and hours of the preceptorship.</p>	A maximum of 5 hours of continuing education may be earned in each renewal period.

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or health professional's license renewal.