

NURSING INFORMATICS LEARNING CENTER
(Courses approved by the California State Board of Nursing: CE Provider No. CEP 14891)

CONTINUING EDUCATION RN REQUIREMENT EQUIVALENCIES (as of 2016)

(These courses are accepted by all US State Boards of Nursing for RN, LPN, CRNP, CNS, CRNA, CNM, APN renewal)

UNITED STATES

STATE	BOARD LINK	REQ CE HRS	ACCEPT OUR COURSES?
ALABAMA	Alabama BON	24 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Courses/activities attended by licensees in another state which are approved by another board of nursing are considered to be acceptable continuing education activities. The nurse will need to add these classes to their individual online continuing education record."
ALASKA	Alaska BON	30 hrs q 2 years	YES. "30 contact hours of continuing education prescribed under 12 AAC 44.610 (certified by ANCC, ANA, AMA, a nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist certifying body or approved by another Board of Nursing)."
ARIZONA	Arizona State BON	NONE	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
ARKANSAS	Arkansas BON	15 hrs q 2 years	YES. "The Board of Nursing will accept nursing continuing education activities approved by the following organizations/bodies PROVIDED that the appropriate documentation and contact hour assignment has been made and meets all other guidelines as set forth by the ASBN Rules. This includes All State Boards of Nursing ".
CALIFORNIA	California BON	30 hrs q 2 years	YES. We are directly accredited by the California BON, since 2007 - CEP Number: 14891.

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COLORADO	Colorado BON	NONE	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
CONNECTICUT	Connecticut Board of Examiners of N	NONE FOR RNS APRNs 50 hrs q 2 years in area of practice	APRNs shall earn a minimum of fifty (50) contact hours of continuing education within the preceding twenty-four (24) month period.
DELAWARE	Delaware BON	RN - 30 hrs q 2 years LPN - 24 hrs q 2 years	YES "An organization approved as a provider by a Board of Nursing of another U.S. jurisdiction or territory and which is a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing "
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	District of Columbia BON	24 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Programs, courses, seminars, and workshops approved by the following organizations are automatically approved for any Nursing licensee: CE Providers approved by another State Board of Nursing "
FLORIDA	Florida BON	24 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Offerings that are approved by a state or national nursing organization empowered to accredit continuing education standards are approved for continuing education, with the exception of HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence which must be from a Florida-approved provider"
GEORGIA	Georgia BON	RN 30 hrs q 2 years LPN 20 hrs q 2 years	YES. Any provider approved by a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
HAWAII	Hawaii BON	RN, LPN 30 hrs q 2 years (starting July 1, 2017 for renewal June 30, 2019)	YES – these are California State approved continuing education courses
IDAHO	Idaho State BON	NONE	Advanced Practice Nurses are required to have 30 hrs q 2 years

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ILLINOIS	Illinois Center for Nursing	RN, LPN 20 hrs q 2 yrs	YES. "CE hours used to satisfy the CE requirements of another jurisdiction may be applied to fulfill the CE requirements of the State of IL for RN re-licensure".
INDIANA	Indiana State BON	RN, LPN - NONE APN – 30 hrs q 2 yrs	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
IOWA	Iowa BON	36 hrs q 3 years	YES. Self-study courses and on-site courses attended outside of Iowa are acceptable if they qualify as appropriate subject matter , and are either covered by an approved Iowa provider, or are approved by one of the following: A board of nursing in any other mandatory continuing education state .
KANSAS	Kansas State BON	30 hrs q 2 years	YES. "CNE providers approved by any state Board of Nursing or any nationally recognized Nursing organization such as ANCC or AANA or a course approved through the individual offering approval (IOA) process."
KENTUCKY	Kentucky BON	14 hrs annually	YES. "Internet CE courses are acceptable if offered by an approved CE provider. All 14 hours or any combination of the hours may be from Internet providers. List of national nursing organizations recognized by KBN for approval of CE offerings includes other State Boards of Nursing ."
LOUISIANA	Louisiana State BON	5 to 15 hrs q 2 years depending on practice hrs	YES. "Continuing education contact hours, which have been approved by an LSBN provider, another Board of Nursing , or the ANCC are acceptable for relicensure in Louisiana."
MAINE	Maine State BON	RN, LPN – NONE APRN – 75 hrs q 2 yrs in area of specialty	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE

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MARYLAND	Maryland BON	NONE	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
MASSACHUSETTS	Massachusetts BON	RN, LPN 15 hrs q 2 years	YES .Meets all requirements
MICHIGAN	Michigan BON	25 hrs q 2 years	YES. "One continuing education contact hour may be granted for each hour of program attendance, at a continuing education program that has been granted approval by another state board of nursing . A licensee may earn all 25 continuing education contact hours through this process."
MINNESOTA	Minnesota BON	RN 24 hrs q 2 years LPN 12 hrs q 2 years	YES – meets list of requirements
MISSISSIPPI	Mississippi BON	RN, LPN – NONE APN – 40 hrs q 2 yrs	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
MISSOURI	Missouri State BON	NONE	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
MONTANA	Montana BON	RN, LPN 24 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Continuing education courses must be approved by an accrediting organization or provided by an academic institution of higher learning, a continuing education provider, or an APRN certifying body."
NEBRASKA	Nebraska BON	20 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Courses or offerings that have been approved by other State Boards of Nursing and/or national nursing organizations"
NEVADA	Nevada State BON	30 hrs q 2 years	YES. "A course of continuing education shall be deemed to be approved by the Board if the course: A provider of continuing education that is recognized by another board of nursing "

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NEW HAMPSHIRE	New Hampshire BON	RN, LPN 30 hrs q 2 years APN 30 additional hours in specialty area	YES. "30 contact hours in 2 years immediately preceding license application including workshops, conferences, lectures or other education offerings designed to enhance nursing knowledge, judgment, and skills. Individualized Learning Activities are acceptable and may include: Programmed learning units offered on the internet".
NEW JERSEY	New Jersey BON	RN, LPN 30 hrs q 2 years	YES, the California Board of Nursing is a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, which is an approved credentialing agency accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.
NEW MEXICO	New Mexico BON	RN, LPN 30 hrs q 2 years	YES. To be acceptable in NM, the CE activity must have been approved by a recognized approval body and must enhance the licensee's scope of professional development as related to his/her activities in nursing.
NEW YORK	New York State BON	Child Abuse, Infection Control	NOT APPLICABLE BUT WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
NORTH CAROLINA	North Carolina BON	RN, LPN 15 hrs & 640 hrs active practice q 2 years OR 30 hrs CE q 2 yrs	YES. "CE approved by North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) or ANY state board of nursing. "
NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota BON	RN, LPN 12 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Board recognized providers of continuing education include: A professional organization that is nationally accredited to approve CE."
OHIO	Ohio BON	RN, LPN 24 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Accepts courses approved by another State Board of Nursing"

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OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma BON	RN, LPN - 24 contact hours OR 520 work hours q 2 yrs	YES. "Contact hours obtained through an accredited approver of continuing education."
OREGON	Oregon State BON	RN, LPN – 7 hrs Pain Mant APN ONLY	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
PENNSYLVANIA	Pennsylvania State BON	RN, LPN 30 hrs q 2 years	YES. PA Nursing Board will accept "Activities sponsored by a Board in another jurisdiction"
PUERTO RICO	Puerto Rico BON	RN 30 hrs q 2 yrs LPN 21 hrs q 2 yrs	YES. 20 contact hours may be earned through distance learning.
RHODE ISLAND	Rhode Island BON	RN, LPN 10 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Continuing education hours related to nursing practice will be accepted by the Board for course work that has been approved by a board of nursing"
SOUTH CAROLINA	South Carolina BON	RN, LPN 30 hrs q 2 years	YES. "The State Board of SC will accept continuing education contact hours approved by the following providers: Any State Board of Nursing "
SOUTH DAKOTA	South Dakota BON	NONE	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
TENNESSEE	Tennessee BON	RN, LPN Self Assessment and 5 hours q 2 yrs	YES.
TEXAS	Texas BON	RN, LPN 20 hrs q 2 years	YES. "Continuing education programs completed outside of Texas or used to fulfill CE requirements for other states may be accepted for CE credit in Texas. If the program is approved by a state nursing association accredited by other state boards of nursing ".

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UTAH	Utah BON	RN, LPN (one of these) - 400 hrs of practice OR - 200 hrs of practice & 15 hr CE - OR 30 hrs CE q 2 years	YES
VERMONT	Vermont BON	NONE	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
VIRGIN ISLANDS	Virgin Islands BON	RN 15 hrs q 2 yrs APN 30 hrs q 2 yrs	YES. "The 15 contact hours may be obtained online, by attending workshops, or through individual study"
VIRGINIA	Virginia BON	RN, LPN (one of these) - 640 hrs of practice & 15 hr CE - OR 30 hrs CE q 2 yrs	YES
WASHINGTON	Washington State Nursing Commission	RN - 531 practice hours and 45 CE hours q 3 yrs	YES Meets all requirements
WEST VIRGINIA	West Virginia BON	24 hrs q 2 years	YES
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin BOD	NONE	WOULD STILL BOOST PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES AND KNOWLEDGE
WYOMING	Wyoming BON	RN 20 hrs q 2 years	YES

CANADA

Nurses maintain their competence in a variety of ways and continuing nursing education is one means of maintaining and increasing knowledge and skills. Two provinces have formal continuing competence programs for nurses. In British Columbia and Ontario, nurses assess their practice, determine needs, and follow through to obtain the experiences they require to develop knowledge skills or attitude.

Currently, none of the regulatory bodies in Canada have specific continuing education requirements for practicing registered nurses. The regulatory bodies do not assess continuing education programs to assign C.E.U.s (continuing education units). Nurses in Canada do keep records of participation in continuing education for purposes of maintaining specialty certification and in British Columbia and Ontario for continuing competence programs. In most provinces and territories, nurses who have not practiced for a specified number of hours within a specified time limit must take a refresher course before being given permission to return to work in nursing. Read the Canadian Nurses Association's [Continuing Competency for Nurses](#).

Canadian nurses are accountable for providing competent nursing care to their clients. The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) believes that to provide competent nursing care, a registered nurse must maintain and continuously enhance the knowledge, skills, attitude and judgment required to meet client needs in an evolving health care system. They also strongly support the need for all practicing nurses to become competent and knowledgeable in all aspects of nursing informatics. Read the CNA publication, [What is Nursing Informatics and Why is it so Important?](#) These courses are written by a Canadian with the entire global nursing arena in mind.

WORLD WIDE

World Health Organization (WHO) - "In order to provide the best patient care health professionals should invest in educational opportunities that give them up to date knowledge and skills. We aim to support an educated and informed health workforce to provide the best health services to populations worldwide and to achieve the best possible health for all."

EUROPE - "Life-long learning is now seen as an obligation of all health professionals. This life-long learning is called Continuing Professional Development (CPD)."

"Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is the systematic maintenance, improvement and continuous acquisition and/or reinforcement of lifelong knowledge and skills of health professionals. It is pivotal to meeting the patient needs, health service delivery needs and the learning needs of individual professionals. The term continuing professional development acknowledges not only the wide ranging competences needed to practise high quality care delivery but also the multi-disciplinary context of patient care."

"Civil Society is committed, through their members, to support activities to promote and ensure that CPD is widely accepted and recorded by all professionals within the health system of the European Union. Demonstrating professional commitment, participation in structured, recorded and evaluated CPD will provide for flexible career choices, enhance career satisfaction and improve patient care.

Therefore:

The Health Professionals should:

- ◆ Ensure competency in each health service provided by continually updating knowledge and skills; and,
- ◆ Accept personal responsibility for maintaining and assessing their own competence throughout their professional working lives."

The European Federation of Nurses Associations