

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Continuing Education Requirement

Legislature mandated APRN CEs

Pursuant to NAC 632.291 (1.) It is required an APRN has completed satisfactorily 45 hours of continuing education directly related to his or her role or population of focus, which may include the required 30 hours of continuing education for renewal of a license for a registered nurse.

The 2017 Nevada legislature passed Assembly Bill 105 requiring suicide prevention CE, beginning July 1, 2017. An advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) is required to complete within 2 years after initial licensure. Every 4 years thereafter, at least 2 hours of training is required related to evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness. The bill's requirements are incorporated into the Nevada Nurse Practice Act NRS 632.343.

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During the 2017 session, the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill 474, the Controlled Substances Abuse Prevention Act. The law is effective January 1, 2018. One section of AB 474 concerns Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and mandatory Continuing Education. Specifically, NRS 632.2375 was amended to require APRNs who are registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to NRS 453.231 to complete 2 hours of Continuing Education related to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances. The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, as the Board charged with interpreting and enforcing NRS chapter 453 has interpreted AB 474, Section 30, to apply to all APRNs who have the authority to prescribe controlled substances.

Therefore, all APRNs who have the authority to prescribe controlled substances shall complete 2 hours of Continuing Education related to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances. An attestation about the completion of this Continuing Education requirement will now be included in all applications for renewal of APRN licensure.

The Board conducts random audits to ensure compliance. Failure to complete the required continuing education, or failure to produce evidence of CE/training completion when audited, may result in disciplinary action. Retain copies of continuing education/training for four years in case of an audit.

The Board does not approve individual continuing education courses. However, for your reference, we've included below a brief listing of approved continuing education providers whose courses appear to meet the legislative intent for the course. It is not a comprehensive list, if you find other courses which appear to meet the requirements listed above, please email the Board at nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us and we will add their contact information.

As you review this list and/or receive any mailings about other these courses, please remember you are responsible for ensuring the course you take meets the requirements of the law.

Refer to local APRN professional organizations for additional information regarding suicide prevention:

www.wrapnn.enpnetwork.com

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National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has published an [Opioid Toolkit](#) with resources and continuing education opportunities regarding the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction.