

**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE  
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

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

All 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.

Continuing education in advanced pharmacology is required for the following:

- A. Initial Application for a Nurse-Midwife Prescriptive Authority Certificate** – Applicants must verify completion of not less than 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. If this course work was completed more than 2 years prior to the submission date of the application, applicants must also verify the successful completion of 16 hours of continuing education in advanced pharmacology from a nationally accredited continuing education provider within 2 years immediately preceding the submission date of the application.

**The State Board of Medicine has approved the following to meet the 45 hour advanced pharmacology course work requirement:**

- Advanced pharmacology courses that are part of a college, university, or medical/nursing school curriculum.
- 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 continuing education programs have received this approval:

**1. Pennsylvania State University**

School of Nursing  
201 Health and Human Development East  
University Park, PA 16802-6508

NSG 504 – Pharmacologic Therapy in the Primary Care Setting\*

\*with examination

**2. University of Pittsburgh**

School of Nursing  
Health Promotion and Development Department  
3500 Victoria Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15261

NUR 2034 – Advanced Pharmacology

**3. Contemporary Forums**

119000 Silvergate Drive  
Dublin, CA 94568-2257

Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Clinicians

**4. Fitzgerald Health Education Associates, Inc.**

85 Flagship Drive  
North Andover, MA 01845-6154

“Clinical Pharmacology for Nurse Practitioners & Advanced Practice Clinicians”

**B. Biennial Renewal of a Nurse-Midwife Prescriptive Authority Certificate** – A nurse-midwife holding a prescriptive authority certificate must complete 16 hours of continuing education in advanced pharmacology within the biennial licensure period. This biennial licensure period will run from January 1 of the odd year to December 31 of the even year.

**For the purposes of the biennial renewal, the following exemptions apply for certain nurse-midwives:**

- A nurse-midwife applying for prescriptive authority certification in this Commonwealth for the first time shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement for the biennial licensure period in which the initial prescriptive authority certificate is acquired.
- A nurse-midwife who has a prescriptive authority certificate that is on inactive status shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement for the State Board of Medicine. You must still comply with any continuing education requirements imposed by the State Board of Nursing.
- A nurse-midwife who is seeking to reinstate an inactive or lapsed prescriptive authority certificate shall show proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements for the preceding licensure period.

**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 RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE 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.**