

**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE  
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

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

- A nurse-midwife holding a prescriptive authority certificate must complete 16 hours of continuing education in advanced pharmacology within the biennial renewal period. The biennial renewal period will run from January 1 of the odd year to December 31 of the even year.
  - Advanced pharmacology continuing education must be obtained from one of the accredited continuing education providers listed below.
- A nurse-midwife seeking to reinstate an inactive/expired prescriptive authority certificate shall show proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements for the preceding renewal period.
- **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015**, Per Act 31 of 2014, two (2) hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements must be completed for renewal or reactivation of a license. Details and a list of Board-approved providers can be found at [www.dos.pa.gov](http://www.dos.pa.gov). Verification of completion must be sent electronically and directly from the course provider. It may take up to 7 days for the provider to submit the records to the Board's office.
- **Effective January 1, 2017**, Section 9.1(a)(2) of ABC-MAP\* requires that all prescribers or dispensers, as defined in Section 3 of ABC-MAP, complete at least two hours of continuing education in pain management, the identification of addiction or in the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids as a portion of the total continuing education required.
  - The required continuing education is part of the total required and must be taken from a Board-approved continuing education provider.
  - \*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&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=191>
- 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.

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

1. 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 renewal period in which initial prescriptive authority certificate is acquired.
2. A nurse-midwife who has a prescriptive authority certificate that is on **inactive/expired 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.

**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.**