

1 21 NCAC 36 .0807 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 36 .0807 CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)**

4 In order to maintain nurse practitioner approval to practice, the nurse practitioner shall earn 50 contact hours
5 of continuing education each year beginning with the first renewal after initial approval to practice has been
6 granted. At least 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be those hours for which approval has been granted
7 by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical
8 Education (ACCME), other national credentialing bodies or practice relevant courses in an institution of higher
9 learning. Every nurse practitioner who prescribes controlled substances shall complete at least one hour of the
10 total required continuing education (CE) hours annually consisting of CE designed specifically to address
11 controlled substance prescribing practices, signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, and
12 controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. Documentation shall be maintained by the
13 nurse practitioner for the previous five calendar years and made available upon request to either Board.

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15 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1; 90-8.1; 90-8.2; 90-14(a)(15); 90-18(14); 90-171.23(b)(14); 90-171.42;*
16 *2015 Session Law 12F;*
17 *Recodified from 21 NCAC 36 .0227(f) Eff. August 1, 2004;*
18 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2017; December 1, 2009; April 1, 2008; August 1, 2004.*