

1 21 NCAC 36 .0807 is proposed to be amended as follows:

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

4 (a) In order to maintain nurse practitioner approval to practice, the nurse practitioner shall ~~maintain certification as a~~
5 ~~nurse practitioner by a national credentialing body identified in Rule .0801(8) of this Section and~~ earn 50 contact hours
6 of continuing education ~~each year, every two years,~~ beginning with the first renewal after initial approval to practice
7 has been granted. A minimum of 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be in the advanced practice nursing population
8 focus of the NP role for which approval has been granted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or
9 Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), other national credentialing bodies, or practice-
10 relevant courses in an institution of higher learning.

11 (b) Every nurse practitioner who prescribes controlled substances shall complete at least one hour of the total required
12 continuing education (CE) hours annually consisting of CE designed specifically to address controlled substance
13 prescribing practices and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. CE that includes recognizing
14 signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, or non-opioid treatment options shall qualify for the purposes
15 of this Rule.

16 (c) A nurse practitioner who possesses a current national certification by a national credentialing body shall be
17 deemed in compliance with the requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

18 ~~(e)(d)~~ Documentation of all continuing education shall be maintained by the nurse practitioner for the previous five
19 calendar years and made available upon request to either Board.

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21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-8.2; 90-14(a)(15); 90-18(c)(14); 90-171.23(b)(14); 90-171.42; S.L. 2015-241, s*
22 *12F;*

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24 *Amended Eff. March 1, 2017; December 1, 2009; April 1, 2008; August 1, 2004;*

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