NP Refresher Course Requirements

In order to be eligible to submit the NP Refresher Course application to the Board, the NP must meet all other requirements for registration for approval to practice as established at time of initial application and hold current national certification* in the NP’s area of education and practice. The NP must complete the NP refresher course prior to seeking approval to practice.

*If previously approved to practice in NC prior to the national certification requirement, national certification is not required.

Refresher course requirements:

1. Inactive greater than two years:
   a. 24 contact hours of pharmacology continuing education;
   b. 40 contact hours of continuing education consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice;
   c. 160 hours of precepted clinical experience consistent with the NPs education and area of practice.

2. Inactive greater than three years:
   a. 36 hours of pharmacology continuing education;
   b. 60 contact hours of continuing education consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice;
   c. 240 hours of precepted clinical experience consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice.

3. Inactive greater than 4 years:
   a. a graduate level pharmacology course for advanced practice registered nurses;
   b. 80 contact hours of continuing education consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice;
   c. 320 hours of precepted clinical experience consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice.

4. Inactive greater than 5 years:
   a. a graduate level pharmacology course for advanced practice registered nurses;
   b. 100 contact hours of continuing education consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice;
   c. 400 hours of precepted clinical experience consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice.

Procedure for Submitting an NP Refresher Course Application:

1. The applicant shall submit a completed NP refresher course application to the Board.

2. As part of the application, the applicant shall develop an NP Refresher Course Plan (Plan) which includes:
   a. Clinical site(s) which will provide the clinical experience consistent with the NP’s education and area of practice. The clinical experience must be under the supervision of either an MD or an NP with approval to practice.
3. Following approval of the refresher course application, the Plan must be satisfactorily completed within one year for NPs inactive greater than two and less than four years, and two years for NPs inactive greater than four years.

4. The designated Board staff shall:
   a. Review the application to determine if it is complete.
   b. Monitor to assure the course is completed within two (2) years following approval of the course.
   c. Document in the NP file, successful completion of the course.

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