

1 21 NCAC 36 .0807 is amended, with changes, as published in NCR 37:12, pages 903-904 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 ~~activity each year, every two years,~~ beginning with the first renewal after initial approval to  
7 practice has been granted. A minimum of 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be in the advanced practice nursing  
8 population focus of the NP ~~role role. The 20 hours must have for which~~ approval ~~has been~~ granted by the American  
9 Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), ~~or other~~  
10 ~~by a national credentialing bodies, accredited provider of nursing continuing professional development, or nurse~~  
11 ~~practice-relevant courses in an institution of higher learning. A nurse practitioner who possesses a current national~~  
12 ~~certification by a national credentialing body shall be deemed in compliance with the requirement of Paragraph (a) of~~  
13 ~~this Rule.~~

14 (b) ~~Prior to prescribing controlled substances as the same are defined in 21 NCAC 36 .0809(2), Every nurse~~  
15 ~~practitioner practitioners who prescribes controlled substances shall have complete completed at least a minimum of~~  
16 ~~one CE hour of the total required continuing education (CE) hours annually consisting of CE designed specifically to~~  
17 ~~address within the preceding 12 months on one or more of the following topics:~~

18 (1) ~~controlled substance~~ Controlled substances prescription practices;

19 (2) ~~prescribing practices and Prescribing~~ controlled substance substances prescribing for chronic pain  
20 ~~management. management;~~

21 (3) ~~CE that includes recognizing~~ Recognizing signs of ~~the controlled substance~~ abuse or misuse of  
22 ~~controlled substances, misuse;~~ or

23 (4) ~~non-opioid~~ Non-opioid treatment options ~~shall qualify for the purposes of this Rule. as an~~  
24 ~~alternative to controlled substances.~~

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

27 ~~(e)(d)~~ Documentation of all ~~[continuing education]~~ CE completed within the previous five years shall be maintained  
28 by the nurse practitioner ~~for the previous five calendar years~~ and made available upon request to either Board.

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30 *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*  
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34 *Readopted Eff. January 1, 2019;*

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