

# NP CE Requirements

**Alabama** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years. They must complete 24 hours of Board-approved continuing education. If they have prescriptive authority, 6 of the 24 hours must be in pharmacology specific to their specialty.

**Alaska** - Nurse Practitioners will renew their license every two years on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> of each even year. ANPs must maintain a national certification.

If the applicant holds prescriptive ability, they must complete 15 contact hours of advanced pharmacology and clinical management of drug therapy within the two-year period immediately before the date of application.

**Arizona** - APNs initially licensed on/before 7/1/04 must complete one of the following to renew:

1. Complete an advanced practice nursing program within the past 5 years, **OR**
2. Practice of 960 hours over the past 5 years where the nurse:
  - a. Worked for compensation or as a volunteer, as an RNP or CNS, and performed one or more acts under A.R.S. § 32-1601(6) for a CNS or A.R.S. § 32-1601(19) for an RNP; **OR**
  - b. Worked for compensation or as a volunteer at the level of the advanced practice certification being sought or renewed, **OR**
3. Provide evidence of current national certification in the category and specialty area of Board certification, **OR**
4. Complete at least 45 hours of CE in advanced pharmacology and 45 hours of CE related to the role and population focus of their certification and engage in a period of precepted clinical practice that meets board requirements.

APNs licensed after 7/1/04 must present evidence of a national certification and meet the practice requirement from (2) above. If the licensee did not meet the practice requirement, they must complete at least 45 hours of CE in advanced pharmacology and 45 hours of CE related to the role and population focus of their certification and engage in a period of precepted clinical practice that meets board requirements.

**Arkansas** - Advanced practice nurses will renew their licenses every 2 years. The licensees must complete one of the following to renew:

1. 15 contact hours of appropriately accredited practice-focused activities, **OR**
2. Hold a current nationally recognized certification/recertification, **OR**

3. Complete a minimum of one college credit hour course in nursing with a grade of C or better during licensure period

If the licensee has prescriptive authority, they must complete an additional 5 contact hours of pharmacotherapeutics related to their specialty certification.

**California** - California Nurse Practitioners must complete 30 hours of continuing nursing education every two years.

**Colorado** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years by September 30<sup>th</sup>—the even or odd numbered cycle depends on the license original date of issuance.

**Connecticut** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every odd year by October 31<sup>st</sup>. There are no CE requirements for this profession in this state.

**D.C.** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every 2 years and are required to maintain a national certification through the ANCC or another national certifying body recognized by the Board.

They must complete 24 hours of continuing education approved by the ANCC or another Board recognized national certifying body and these hours must be related to the Nurse Practitioner's specialty. Of the 24 hours required, 15 hours must include a pharmacology component.

Licensees with more than one specialty may count courses that cover more than one specialty area toward multiple license requirements.

**Delaware** - Nurse practitioners will renew their licenses every two years on the odd numbered years where the license will expire on February 28, May 31, or September 30.

If the licensee is currently certified by a national nursing organization in their specialty area, then they must complete one of the following requirements:

1. Practice of 1500 hours over the past five years in the specialty for which they are applying, or
2. Practice of 600 hours over the past two years in the specialty for which they are applying, or
3. Graduation from the specialty program within the past two years.

If the licensee is not currently certified by a national nursing organization in their specialty, then they must complete one of the following:

1. Practice of 1000 hours over the past two years in the specialty for which they are applying, or
2. Completion of a period of at least 1000 hours of supervised practice.

In addition, APN's who have prescriptive authority must attest to completing ten hours of continuing education (CE) in pharmacology/pharmacotherapeutics in the past two years.

**Florida** - Florida Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners must complete 24 hours of CE for every two year cycle. At least 12 of those hours must be continuing nursing education. The remaining 12 hours can be continuing medical education (CME).

Of the 24 hours, two must be FL-board of nursing approved medical errors courses. Two must be laws and rules of the board. Every third biennium, an additional two hours of board-approved domestic violence are required, for a total of 26 hours during that biennium.

Every nurse practitioner must fulfill a one-time requirement of 1 hour of HIV/AIDS for their first renewal in the state.

**Georgia** - Nurse practitioners renew their license every 2 year by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the even years. Beginning with license cycles that expire on January 31, 2016, Nurse Practitioners will be required to fulfill the renewal requirements in one of the following ways:

1. Complete 30 hours of CE with a Board approved educational provider within the 2 year license cycle. Board approved providers include the following:

a. Any provider recognized by a national credentialing body, offering certification in the licensee's specialty

b. Any provider recognized by a national credentialing body offering certification to advanced practice nurses

c. Georgia Nurses Association

d. Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) in Georgia or any state AHEC that is a member of the National AHEC Organization

e. American Nurses Association (ANA) or any ANA affiliated state nurses association provider

f. National League for Nursing (NLN)

g. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

h. Professional Journals offering continuing education approved by appropriate bodies, including but not limited to the ANCC and AANA

i. Employer sponsored continuing education programs having a minimum of one course objective (Unless the course is accredited through one of the other bodies mentioned here, employer sponsored CE may only be used for up to 50% of total contact hours)

j. Any provider of professional continuing education for health care professionals

k. Any provider recognized by another state board of nursing with the United States

2. Maintain a certification through a national certifying body recognized by the Board

3. Complete an accredited academic program of study in nursing or a related field as recognized by the Board. Programs of study must be a minimum of 2 credit hours and acceptable areas of study include respiratory therapy, informatics, health care administration, and business administration.

4. Verification of competency by a health care facility or entity licensed under O.C.G.A 31-7 or by a physician's office that is part of a health system AND at least 500 practice hours as evidenced by employer certification on a form approved by the Board

5. Completion of a Board approved reentry program OR graduation from a nursing education program

**Hawaii** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every odd numbered year by June 30<sup>th</sup>. A licensee must maintain certification through a national body recognized by the Board if he or she does not hold a master's degree in clinical nursing or nursing science in a Board recognized practice specialty.

If the licensee holds prescriptive authority, they must complete 30 hours of continuing education as determined by the Board in their practice specialty area. Of the 30 hours, 8 must be in pharmacology, including pharmacotherapeutics. The hours must be approved by a Board-recognized national certifying body, the American Nurses Association, the American Medical Association, or an accredited college or university.

**Idaho** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on the odd numbered years where the license will expire on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The licensee must maintain certification through a national entity recognized by the Board as well as complete 30 hours of continuing education where the provider is:

- nationally recognized nursing organization; or
- an accredited academic institution; or
- a provider of continuing education recognized by another board of nursing; or
- a provider of continuing education recognized by a regulatory body of another discipline (e.g. CME, CPE, telemedicine); or
- approved by the Board of Nursing

Those nurse practitioners with prescriptive authority must complete 10 hours of CE in Pharmacology. Continuing education completed for the renewal of national certification may be applied to the state license renewal if proof of completion of 30 CE hours can be provided.

**Illinois** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every even year from June 1<sup>st</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>. They must complete 50 hours of continuing education which will satisfy the renewal of the registered professional nurse as well.

**Indiana** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on the off numbered years, where the license will expire on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Advanced Practice Nurses with prescriptive authority will be required to complete 30 hours of continuing education, of which at least 8 hours must be in pharmacology.

If the applicant was initially granted prescriptive authority:

1. less than twelve (12) months before the expiration date of the prescriptive authority, no continuing education is required **OR**

2. at least twelve (12) months before the expiration date of the prescriptive authority, the applicant shall submit proof to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed at least fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education. The hours must:

A. be completed after the prescriptive authority was granted and before the expiration of the prescriptive authority;

B. include at least four (4) contact hours of pharmacology; **AND**

C. be approved by a nationally approved sponsor of continuing education for nurses, approved by the board.

**Iowa** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every three years with the license cycle ending in the month of the licensee's birth. Current national certification in the licensee's specialty area of practice is required and will put the licensee in compliance with state continuing education requirements.

For those nurse practitioners who regularly examine, attend, counsel, or treat dependent adults or children in Iowa complete training related to the identification and reporting of child/dependent adult abuse in the form of at least 2 hours of training every five years. These 2 hours must be completed as a part of a course approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health Abuse Education Review Panel.

**Kansas** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years with the license expiring on the last day of the month in which the licensee was born. The license cycle will expire on the odd or even years depending on the year in which the licensee was born. The licensee must complete 30 contact hours of CNE related to the advanced practice nurse's role/specialty and excess hours will not carry over to the next cycle. CNE providers will be recognized by the Board if they are approved by any state Board of Nursing or any national nursing organization such as the ANCC or AANA or if the licensee follows the individual offering approval (IOA) process.

**Kentucky** - Nurse practitioners will renew their cycle every year with the license cycle beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If not certified by a national nursing organization in the area of the licensee's practice role, they must complete 14 contact hours within the cycle from a Board approved provider. Of these 14 hours, 5 must be continuing education in pharmacology and APRNs with a CAPA-CS are required to earn 1.5 approved CE contact hours on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders. These hours may count as part of the required pharmacology hours.

At least one time every 10 years, the licensee must complete 2 hours of HIV/AIDS. They shall also complete 1.5 hours in pediatric abusive head trauma within 3 years of licensure as a one-time requirement.

Nurses seeking reinstatement, licensure by endorsement from another state, and examination candidates educated outside of Kentucky must earn three contact hours of Board approved domestic violence CE within three years of licensure in Kentucky as a one-time requirement.

APRNs are allowed to use CME credits for pharmacology continuing education if the provider offering the course is recognized by their national certifying organization.

The Board recognizes the following national nursing organizations for approval of CE:

- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- Nat'l Assn. of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)
- American Assn. of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)
- Nat'l Assn. of Pediatric Nurse Associates & Practitioners (NAPNAP)
- American Assn. of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA)
- Nat'l Assn. for Practical Nurses Education & Service (NAPNES)
- American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)
- National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses (NFLPN)
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) of the American Nurses Association (ANA)
- National League for Nursing (NLN)
- Assn. of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurse (AWHONN)
- Other State Boards of Nursing

**Louisiana** - Louisiana nurse practitioners will renew their licenses every year with the license expiring on January 31. If the licensee holds active APRN licensure in the state of Louisiana and has a current national certification in each role and specialty, they are required to provide documentation of that current national certification to renew. This national certification must be issued by one of the national nursing organizations recognized by the state. Those organizations are as follows:

- Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- American Nurses Association (ANA)
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)
- American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM)
- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA)
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners (NAPNAP)

If the licensee is not nationally certified in any one of their roles or specialties, they must complete a minimum of 300 practice hours in AP nursing within the 12 month period *AND*

(1) either a minimum of 2 college credit hours per year of relevance to the advanced practice role *OR*

(2) a minimum of 30 continuing education (C.E.) nursing contact hours approved by the Board each year. Continuing Medical Education (CME)s may be approved by the Board to meet this requirement as well.

All continuing education hours must be at the advanced level (advanced assessment, diagnosis and management of conditions, pharmacology, etc.) and directly related to the full scope of the advanced practice role and specialty for which commensurate requirements has been granted. Additionally, if the licensee has prescriptive ability, they must complete 6 hours of continuing education in advanced pharmacology.

**Maine** - A Maine nurse practitioner will renew their license every two years with the cycle expiring on the licensee's birthday. They must complete 75 contact hours in nursing, medicine or allied health in the area of practice for which the individual has been licensed as an APRN. The 75 hours shall include a minimum of 30 Category I contact hours and no more than 45 hours may be Category II.

Request for renewal of the APRN license must be made in concurrence with the Registered Nurse license and must include evidence of current certification by the appropriate national certifying body. For those with prescriptive authority who have not prescribed drugs within the previous two years, the licensee must complete 15 contact hours of pharmacology. For those with prescriptive authority who have not prescribed in the past five years, the licensee must complete 45 contact hours of pharmacology. These pharmacology hours may be obtained by attendance at a formal academic setting or as non-credit continuing education offerings.

**Maryland** - Nurse practitioners renew their license every year—their license expires every year on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of their birth month. There are no CE requirements, but they must maintain national certifications.

**Massachusetts** - A Nurse practitioner will renew their license every two years on the even numbered years with the license cycle expiring on the licensee's birthdate. Licensees must complete 15 hours of continuing education as a part of maintaining their Registered Nurse licensure. In addition, nurse practitioners must maintain a current national certification from a Board approved entity. Continuing education taken to maintain this national certification is separate from the 15 contact hours required by the Board for the renewal of the RN license.

**Michigan** - A Michigan nurse practitioner will renew their license every 2 years where the license will expire on March 31. All nurses must complete at least 25 hours of Board approved continuing education, with at least 1 hour in pain and pain management. Continuing education contact hours in pain and pain symptom management may include, but are not limited to, courses in behavior management, psychology of pain, pharmacology, behavior modification, stress management, clinical applications, and drug interventions.

**Minnesota** - Nurse Practitioners will renew their licenses every 2 years. Licensees must complete 24 contact hours of continuing education. In addition, they must maintain a current Registered Nurse license as well as a current certification by one of the accepted national nursing organizations.

**Mississippi** - APRNs in Mississippi renew their license every two years on the even numbered years. Advanced practice registered nurses with expanded role certification in IV therapy and hemodialysis are

required to have continuing education prior to the renewal of those licenses or certifications. Documentation of a least forty (40) contact hours of continuing education concerning the advanced practice must be submitted prior to renewal of nurse practitioner certification (20 hours must be traditional learning, face to face, and 2 hours must concern the use of controlled substances).

**Missouri** - Nurse practitioners renew their license by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each odd-numbered year. They must maintain a current RN license as well as national certification, but there is no separate continuing education.

**Montana** - Nurse practitioners renew their license every two years. They must maintain certification through a national certifying body and also complete 24 contact hours of continuing education.

If they have prescriptive authority, 12 of the 24 contact hours must be in pharmacotherapeutics, where no more than two of these contact hours may concern the study of herbal or complementary therapies.

Those Nurse Practitioners initially licensed in the first year of the cycle will be required to complete one-half of the credit required for renewal. Those Nurse Practitioners licensed in the second year of the cycle will not be required to complete continuing education.

**Nebraska** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on the even numbered years with the license cycle expiring on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Licensees must maintain a Registered Nurse license whose renewal requirements will be met by completing the required 40 contact hours of continuing education, of which 10 must be in pharmacotherapeutics. To fulfill these requirements, they may use contact hours approved specifically for nurse practitioners or continuing medical education (CME).

**Nevada** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on their birthdate. Licensees are required to complete 30 hours of nursing-related continuing education as well as 15 additional hours of continuing education in their specialty. As a one-time requirement, they must also complete 4 hours in bioterrorism.

**New Hampshire** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on their birthdate. They must complete 30 hours of continuing education to for registered nurse licensure as well as an additional 30 hours in their specialty. Of these 30 additional hours in the specialty, 5 must be in pharmacology.

A current national certification in their specialty will satisfy the 30 hours need to renew the registered nurse license.

**New Jersey** - New Jersey Nurse Practitioners are required to complete 30 hours of continuing nursing education every two year cycle. In addition to this CE requirement, nurse practitioners must maintain a national certification.

**New Mexico** - Nurse practitioners shall renew their license every two years, and must maintain a national certification. Licensees must complete 50 hours of approved continuing education, of which 30 will satisfy the renewal of the Registered Nurse license. Of the remaining 20 hours, 15 must be in pharmacology and 5 must be in the area of practice.

If the Nurse Practitioner has DEA registration or a permit to prescribe opioids, he or she must complete 5 contact hours, of the 15 required in pharmacology, in management of non-cancer pain.

**New York** - New York Nurse Practitioners have no CE requirements for their three year renewal cycles, but must possess and maintain a national certification.

**North Carolina** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every year by the last day of their birth month. They must complete 50 hours of continuing education, of which 20 must be approved by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or other national credentialing bodies or practice relevant courses in an institution of higher learning.

Licensees may choose to complete all 50 hours as formal CE credits approved by the above national entities or they may choose to complete the 30 hours that do not have to meet the formal criteria using any of the following activities:

1. Five (5) hours - Clinical Presentations - Designing, developing and conducting an educational presentation or presentations for health professionals totaling a minimum of 5 contact hours
2. Preceptor hours - with validation from educational program - up to 30 hours
3. Five (5) hours - author on a journal article or book chapter published during renewal year
4. Fifteen (15) hours - primary or secondary author of a book published during renewal year
5. Five (5) hours - Professional volunteer service during renewal year with an international, national, state or local health care related organization in which your NP or certification specialty expertise is required. Examples of accepted volunteer activities include board of directors, committees, editorial boards, review boards or task forces.

**North Dakota** - Nurse Practitioners will renew their license every two years with the license cycle expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>. They must complete at least 12 hours of continuing education.

**Ohio** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on the odd numbered years with the cycle spanning from September 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>. They must complete 24 contact hours of continuing education and at least 1 hour must be Category A--related to the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and the rules of the Ohio Board of Nursing. This CE must be taken from an Ohio Board approved provider.

If the licensee is authorized to prescribe, they must complete additional hours in pharmacology. If the certificate to prescribe has been held for a full license cycle, 12 hours is required. If held less than a full license cycle, 6 hours is required.

A licensee may use hours completed as a part of obtaining/maintaining a Board approved national certification in their area of practice to satisfy the Board's continuing education requirements.

**Oklahoma** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on the even numbered years with the license cycle expiring on the last day of their birth month. They must only maintain a current certification with a national nursing organization.

If the licensee has prescriptive authority, they must complete 15 contact hours or one academic credit hour directly related to pharmacotherapeutics, clinical application and use of pharmacological agents in the prevention of illness, and in the restoration and maintenance of health, in a program beyond basic registered nurse preparation, applicable to their scope of practice.

**Oregon** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years by their birthdate—in the even years if born in an even year or in odd years if born in an odd year. They must hold a current Registered Nurse license and fulfill the practice requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Practice as a NP for a minimum of 960 hours during the last five years **OR**
2. Graduate from a NP education program within the past year **OR**
3. Graduate from a NP education program and practice as a NP at least 192 hours within the last two years.

Additionally, the licensee must complete 100 hours of continuing education. If the licensee is certified by a national nursing organization, they may receive up to 50 hours of continuing education.

If the licensee has prescriptive authority, the licensee must complete their 100 hours including the following:

1. 50% of the continuing education must consist of formal academic credit or continuing education (including CME credit) in the specialty area of practice, including 15 hour of pharmacotherapeutic content at the advanced nursing level **AND**
2. Completion of a 45 contact hour pharmacology course or 400 hours of utilizing prescriptive authority at an advanced practice level **OR**
3. Graduation from a clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner program within the two years preceding renewal and continuing education hours prorated from the date of graduation.

**Pennsylvania** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years in one of three cycles: November 1<sup>st</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup> on the odd years, November 1<sup>st</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup> on the even years, or May 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup> on the even years.

They must maintain their RN license and complete 30 hours of Board approved continuing education. If the licensee has prescriptive authority, 16 of the 30 hours must be in pharmacology.

**Rhode Island** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years by March 1<sup>st</sup> following the date of the initial issuance of the license. They must complete 10 contact hours of continuing education approved by an acceptable nursing organization.

If the licensee has prescriptive authority, they must also complete 30 hours of continuing education in pharmacology every six years.

**South Carolina** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years. They must complete one of the following:

1. completion of thirty contact hours from a continuing education provider recognized by the board
2. maintenance of certification or recertification by a national certifying body recognized by the board
3. completion of an academic program of study in nursing or a related field recognized by the board
4. verification of competency and the number of hours practiced, as evidenced by employer certification on a form approved by the board

If the licensee has prescriptive authority, they must complete 20 contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics related to the certification specialty every 2 years. If the licensee has controlled substance prescriptive authority, 2 of the 20 hours must be related to the prescribing of controlled substances.

**South Dakota** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years and there are no CE requirements.

**Tennessee** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every 2 years. They must hold a national certification appropriate to the specialty area.

If the licensee possesses a Certificate of Fitness, they must also complete 1 contact hour designed to address the prescribing of controlled substances from a provider approved by any certifying board of an advanced practice nurse.

**Texas** - Texas Nurse Practitioners must fulfill the renewal requirements in one of the following ways:

1. Maintain certification through a national certifying body recognized by the Board; OR
2. Complete 20 hours of continuing nursing education or continuing medical education in the advanced practice role and population focus area recognized by the Board.

Effective January 1, 2014, every nurse must complete 2 CNE hours in nursing jurisprudence and ethics prior to the end of every third licensure renewal cycle.

Nurse Practitioners with prescribing authority must complete an additional 5 contact hours in pharmacotherapeutics. Effective January 1, 2015, any nurse who has prescriptive authority *and* prescribes controlled substances will be required to complete 3 contact hours of continuing education related to the prescribing of controlled substances. The three contact hours of continuing education related to ordering or prescribing controlled substances is in addition to the 20 contact hours required for APRN licensure renewal and the five hours required in pharmacotherapeutics if you have prescriptive authority.

Effective September 1, 2006, every nurse practicing in an emergency department setting must complete 2 contact hours in Forensic Evidence Collection as a one-time requirement within 2 years of the initial license date.

If a Nurse Practitioner's practice area includes older adult or geriatric populations, he or she must complete at least 2 hours of continuing education related to older adult or geriatric patient populations or maintain certification in an area of practice relating to these populations.

**Utah** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years on the even numbered years with the license cycle expiring on January 31<sup>st</sup>. They must maintain a current national certification in their specialty area of practice or if licensed prior to July 1, 1992, they must complete 30 hours of approved continuing education and 400 hours of practice.

**Vermont** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the odd years. They must complete the practice requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Applicants for license renewal shall, at a minimum, have practiced as APRNs for at least 960 hours during the previous five years OR
2. 400 hours in the previous 2 years prior to submitting a renewal application OR
3. have graduated from an approved program within the past 2 years

Additionally, they must maintain a current national certification in their specialty.

**Virginia** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years. They must maintain a current national certification in the specialty area as well as complete 40 hours of continuing education in the specialty area.

Nurse practitioners who hold prescriptive authority must complete an additional 8 hours of continuing education in pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics each biennium.

**Washington** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every two years by their birthdate. They must complete 30 hours of continuing education as well as 250 hours of practice in the ARNP role within that two year renewal cycle. If a licensee has prescriptive authority, they must complete an additional 15 hours in pharmacotherapeutics related to their scope and practice.

**West Virginia** - Nurse practitioners will renew their license every 2 years, and must maintain certification through a national body recognized by the Board. They must complete 24 contact hours, which will include 12 hours in pharmacotherapeutics and 12 in the clinical management of patients from a Board approved provider. Of the 12 hours in pharmacotherapeutics, 8 may be used to renew the certification in prescriptive authority.

**Wisconsin** - Nurse practitioners renew their license every two years. They must complete 8 contact hours per year in clinical pharmacology/therapeutics relevant to their specialty.

**Wyoming** - The nurse practitioner must maintain a current national certification, **OR** if continuously recognized as an APRN prior to July 1, 2005 but not nationally certified, they must complete 60 hours in their specialty **AND** 400 hours of employment as an APRN in the last 2 years.

If the licensee has prescriptive authority, they must complete 15 contact hours in pharmacology and clinical management of drug therapy or pharmacotherapeutics.