

# Frequently Asked Questions—Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Prescriptive Authority Continuing Education

In November 2014, the Board of Nursing adopted rule language changing the renewal standards for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) prescriptive authority. The change affects all Oregon Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists with prescriptive authority.

1. **When did the changes go into effect?**

The renewal of licensure CE requirements for APRNS with Prescriptive Authority changed effective January 1, 2015.

2. **What are the CE renewal requirements for APRNs with prescriptive authority?**

Renewal requirements for continuing education for APRNS with prescriptive authority:

- a) Proof of active, unencumbered national certification for specialty role as required by applicable licensure, attesting to completion of continuing education required for maintaining national certification; or
- b) 45 structured contact hours of continuing education completed in the two years prior to renewal of their license. At least 15 of the completed CE hours must be in pharmacotherapeutic content at the NP level congruent with their specialty **role**.

3. **How is this going to change our renewal application?**

Your online renewal application will reflect the following:

APRN National Certification and Continuing Education Requirements

Answer the following questions based on the type of license(s) you are renewing/reactivating.

**NOTE:** All attestations in your application in order to meet licensure requirements are subject to future random audits for proof of validity.

<b>APRN with Prescriptive Authority (NP-PP/CNS-PP/CRNA-PP)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> *NO
1. I meet the continuing education renewal requirement by maintaining active unencumbered national certification for the type of APRN licensure I hold in Oregon. <b>IF NO- see #2.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I can attest to completing at least 45 structured contact hours of CE's in the last two years from the date of application, with 15 of those hours being in APRN-level pharmacotherapeutic content.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

There is no need to log a detailed report of additional CE experiences.

\*The log will remain active if you want to utilize it for your national certification documentation or other tracking purposes.