

CE Requirements for APRNs with Controlled Substance Authority

Senate Bill 55 (Act 76) of the 2017 Louisiana Legislature mandates that prescribers of controlled substances in Louisiana obtain three credit hours of continuing education (CE) as a prerequisite of license renewal. This is a one-time requirement.

LSBN will be collecting these documents upon submission of prescriptive authority applications and prior to licensure renewal. Articles have been published in *The Examiner* with information about this requirement and notifications are sent via email prior to and during the renewal season.

NOTE: APRNs with both active prescriptive authority and who hold an active controlled dangerous substance (CDS) license **will not be eligible to renew** if they have not submitted the required CEs, and the RN and APRN licenses and prescriptive authority credential shall become inactive.

APRNs are responsible for ensuring they meet the CE requirements and are eligible for license renewal. They must provide the required documentation in a timely manner prior to expiration of their RN and APRN licenses so that LSBN staff has ample and reasonable opportunity to receive and approve the CEs

The list of approved CE courses and the request for exemption are available at <http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Licensure.Renewals/AdvancedPracticeRegisteredNurse.aspx>. Submit your CE certificates **by mail** to be eligible for licensure renewal if you have not previously submitted proof of completion of the CE requirement.

If you have questions, contact our office by submitting a message in the message center of your nurse portal account using the category "Renewal".