

# Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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Each calendar year an APRN with prescriptive authority (which is required for collaborative practice) must obtain six (6) contact/credit hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics [pharmacology] to renew his/her APRN license.

Annual continuing education for pharmacology must be at the advanced practice level and related to the APRN's licensed advanced role and population focus/specialty. CE documentation (i.e. CE certificate of completion) must clearly indicate that the pharmacology topics completed by the APRN are accredited by one of the following agencies or organizations:

- Any State Board of Nursing
- 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)

Pharmacology credit/contact hours must be completed, documented and verified [self-audited] by the APRN prior to his/her annual licensure renewal online. It is the responsibility of each nurse to obtain valid documentation demonstrating completion/accreditation of their pharmacology CE from the CE provider, maintain the documents five (5) full years, and be able to supply them to LSBN staff for review upon request if the nurse is later selected for CE audit.