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STATE BOARDS OF NURSING (SBNS)—2009

CE Requirements*

State	RN	LPN/LVN	Renewal	Reentry	Approval/Accreditations†	Plans
Louisiana (LPN)	•	•	None	Review course if out of practice 4 or more yrs	SBN	None
Maine	•	•	None	None	—	None
Maryland	•	•	None	Hours of practice/work in a given time (1,000 hrs/5 yrs); Other: 1) completion of Board-approved refresher course/5 yrs, 2) graduation from nursing school/5 yrs, 3) completion of 1 semester full-time nursing study/5 yrs	—	Ongoing assessment
Massachusetts	•	•	15 hrs/2 yrs	15 hrs/2 yrs immediately preceding license reactivation	—	None
Michigan	•	•	25 hrs/2 yrs, at least 1 hr in pain and symptoms management	25 hrs/2 yrs	SBN, SNA, SNA (P/V), Other	None
Minnesota	•	•	24 hrs/2 yrs (RN); 12 hrs/2 yrs (PN)	1 for every month out of practice with maximum of 150 hrs (RN); 1 for every 2 mo out of practice with maximum of 75 hrs (PN)	None	None
Mississippi	•	•	Only if nurse has not practiced within previous 5 yrs	20 hrs/2 yrs prior to application for reinstatement or successful completion of Board-approved reorientation program or successful completion of minimum of 3 semester hrs of nursing credit (after 5 yrs out of practice)	SNA	•
Missouri	•	•	None	None	—	None
Montana	•	•	None	If unlicensed anywhere for 3 yrs must retest	None	None
Nebraska	•	•	20 hrs/2 yrs + 500 hrs practice/5 yrs	20 hrs in past 2 yrs + 500 hrs practice in past 5 yrs or Board-approved review course of study	SNA (only 50% required to be approved)	None
Nevada	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs ^a	After 2 to 5 yrs, 30 hrs in 1 yr; after 5 yrs, refresher course plus 30 hrs	SBN (P/V)	Plans
New Hampshire	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	One of: refresher course, individualized program, completion of NCLEX, competency examination testing knowledge	SNA	—
New Jersey	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	Required	—	None
New Mexico	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs or national certification	30 hrs/2 yrs	SBN, SNA (P), (P/V), Other	None
New York ^b	•	•	None	None	Other	None
North Carolina	•	•	One of 7 options; 30 hrs/2 yrs	After 5 yrs of inactivity of license: 240-hr refresher course (RN), 180-hr refresher course (PN) if absent for 5 or more yrs from active license	SBN, SNA	Instituting competency process 2006–2008
North Dakota	•	•	12 hrs/4 yrs (PN)	Required refresher course after 4 yrs absence from practice	SBN, SNA	None
N. Mariana Islands	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	30 hrs/2 yrs	SBN	—

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	RN	LPN/LVN	Renewal		
Ohio ^c	•	•	24 hrs/2 yrs	24 hrs in preceding 2 yrs	Other
Oklahoma	•	•	None	After 2 yrs and 520 hrs not worked, continuing education required	None
Oregon	•	•	None	Formal program required if not practiced 960 hrs in past 5 yrs	SNA
Pennsylvania	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	NCLEX, reactivation program, nursing achievement test. After 5 yrs, 30 hrs required in immediate preceding year	SBN, SNA (P)
Puerto Rico	•	•	36 hrs/3 yrs (RN); 24 hrs/3 yrs (PN)	12 hrs/yr	SNA, SBN, Other
Rhode Island	•	•	10 hrs/2 yrs	10 hrs/2 yrs	SNA
South Carolina	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs or certify/re-certify or completion of academic program or verification of competency and work	80 hrs theory, 80 hrs clinical if practiced less than 960 hrs in past 6 yrs	SNA
South Dakota	•	•	None	After 5 yrs, completion of refresher course or successful completion of NCLEX	SNA
Tennessee	•	•	None	None	SBN
Texas	•	•	20 hrs/2 yrs	20 hrs/4 yrs	SNA, Other
U.S. Virgin Islands ^a	•	•	15 hrs/2 yrs	After 5 yrs, approved refresher course	SBN
Utah	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs + practice	30 hrs up to 3 yrs	SNA, Other
Vermont	•	•	None	120 hrs each (RN), 80 hrs each (LPN) theory and clinical after 5 yrs	—
Virginia	•	•	None	15 hrs after 2 yrs	None
Washington	•	•	None	160 hrs clinical/80 hrs theory if absent 3 yrs (RN); 120 hrs clinical/60 hrs theory if absent 3 years (LVN)	SBN
West Virginia (RN) ^a	•	•	12 hrs/yr + one-time requirement of 2 hrs in end-of-life care	12 hrs/yr + one-time requirement of 2 hrs in end-of-life care	SBN, ANCC-accredited providers, Other
West Virginia (LVN) ^c	•	•	24 hrs + 400 hrs practice/2 yrs ^e ; one-time requirement of end-of-life care	400 hrs/4 yrs (varies based on length of licensure and reporting period)	SBN (P/V), SNA, Other
Wisconsin	•	•	None	After 5 yrs, refresher course required	—
Wyoming ^b	•	•	20 hrs/2 yrs	20 hrs in 2 yrs; refresher course after 5 yrs	SBN, SNA (P)

*CE requirements = Hours refer to contact hours unless otherwise noted.

†Approval/accreditation:

ANCC = American Nurses Credentialing Center

SBN = State Board of Nursing (RN or combined board)

SNA = State Nurses Association

SBN (P/V) = State Board of Nursing (Practical/Vocational)

SNA (P/V) = State Nurses Association (Practical/Vocational)

Other = Any organization other than SBN or SNA

Renewal = Contact hours/time frame

Reentry = Contact hours/time frame

Plans = Plans during the next 2 years that may require some form of continuing competence for licensure renewal or reentry

^aHas special content requirement.

^bHas one option for requirement of continued competence.

^cSpecific content/requirements designated.

TABLE 2
STATE BOARDS OF NURSING (SBNs)—2009

State	Renewal	Reentry	Approval/Accreditations	Plans
Alabama	24 hrs/2 yrs; 6 hrs in pharmacotherapeutics; CNS same as RN	No requirements	SBN, SNA (P/V)	
Alaska	CRNPs and CNMs: 6 hrs pharmacology/2 yrs; CRNAs: 6 hrs anesthesia pharmacology/2 yrs			
American Samoa				
Arizona	None (requires hrs of work)			
Arkansas	As required by certification body			
California (RN)	Renewed automatically with RN license renewal			
Colorado				Considering continued certification in specialty
Connecticut	None (requires hrs of work)			
Delaware	10 hrs pharmacotherapeutics			
District of Columbia	15 hrs pharmacotherapeutics			Plans
Florida	25 hrs/2 yrs (includes HIV/AIDS and domestic violence, 1 hr each)			
Georgia (RN)				
Guam				
Hawaii	30 hrs/2 yrs, 8 hrs pharmacotherapeutics, 22 hrs clinical specialty			
Idaho	30 hrs/2 yrs, including 10 hrs of pharmacology			
Illinois	50 hrs/2 yrs			
Indiana	30 hrs/2 yrs			
Iowa	As required by certification body			
Kansas	Same as RN (30 contact hrs) except Registered Nurse Anesthetists must have the 30 hrs related to nurse anesthesia			
Kentucky	30 hrs/2 yrs—5 in pharmacotherapeutics, maintain certification National nursing certification in field, 5 approved contact hrs in pharmacology/yr			
Louisiana (RN)	6 hrs pharmacology for those with prescriptive practice	Same as national certification or 300 hrs APRN practice and 30 contact hrs relating to advanced practice category or area of specialty		
Maine ^c	75 hrs/2 yrs applicable to area of practice	Same as current national certification plus pharmacy requirements for nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives	SBN	
Maryland	Same as national certification			

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STATE BOARDS OF NURSING (SBNs)—2009

CE Requirements: Advanced Practice Nursing

State	Renewal	Reentry	Approval/Accreditations	Plans
Massachusetts	Same as RN/LPN and current certification related to APN role			
Michigan	Recertification or 40 hrs/2 yrs in specialty—approach varies by APRN role; 25 hrs/2 yrs			None
Minnesota	May use certification to satisfy CE requirements			
Mississippi	40 hrs/2 yrs in specific area of clinical practice		•	
Missouri	None	None		
Montana	Must maintain national certification; 6 hrs pharmacy CE to renew prescription authority; hrs must be in their scope of practice			
Nebraska	40 hrs/2 yrs (10 hrs pharmacotherapeutics); NPs only			
Nevada	45 hrs/2 yrs; 15 hrs pharmacotherapeutics; accept 15 hrs in specialty			Plans
New Hampshire	60 hrs/4 yrs with 5 hrs pharmacotherapeutics; certification = 30 hrs			
New Jersey	Same as RN			
New Mexico	20 hrs/2 yrs with 15 hrs pharmacotherapeutics, 5 hrs clinical topics, and meet RN requirements; CRNAs: same as national certification			
New York	None			
North Carolina	100 hrs/in 2-yr period of initial approval, 3 of which must relate to medical and social effects of substance abuse; clinical specialists must meet recertification requirement		ANCC or CME	
North Dakota	APRNs: 15 hrs/2 yrs pharmacotherapy			
N. Mariana Islands				
Ohio	Same as RN			
Oklahoma	APRN, CNM, and CNS with prescriptive authority: 15 hrs in pharmacology in past 2 yrs; CRNAs: 8 hrs in anesthesia-related pharmacology			
Oregon	100 hrs/2 yrs including 15 hrs of pharmacology; varies for CNS and CRNAs	100 hrs + 30 hrs pharmacology if more than 5 yrs not practiced	SBN	None
Pennsylvania	30 hrs/2 yrs including 16 hrs of pharmacotherapeutics	Required activity		None
Puerto Rico	None			
Rhode Island ^c	30 hrs/6 yrs; 30 hrs pharmacotherapeutics			
South Carolina	15 hrs pharmacotherapeutics/2 yrs			
South Dakota	Same as national certification			•
Tennessee				
Texas (RN)	20 hrs/2 yrs; 5 hrs pharmacotherapeutics for APNs with prescriptive authority; 20 hrs role			
U.S. Virgin Islands	15 hrs/2 yrs			

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Utah	Maintain national certification			
Vermont	Meet certification agency's CE requirements			
Virginia	40 hrs/2 yrs or hold certification in specialty			
Washington (RN)	30 hrs/2 yrs, 15 hrs in specialty			
West Virginia (RN)	Same as RN unless has prescriptive authority, then 8 hrs pharmacology/2 yrs			
Wisconsin	If prescription authority, 8 hrs/1 yr pharmacotherapeutics is required over renewal cycle for national certifying body certification			
Wyoming ^c	30 hrs/2 yrs if qualified by education; 30 hrs/2 yrs if qualified by certification; 12 hrs in pharmacology, rest in specialty clinical topics (intent to increase to 24 hrs in pharmacology)			

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TABLE 3
NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL NURSING/CERTIFYING BOARDS/ASSOCIATIONS (NPCB/As)—2009

Name	Renewal of Certification	Plans
AACN Certification Corporation (Critical Care)	R: 100 hrs/3 yrs	None
Addictions Nursing Certification Board ^a	R: Examination or "points of credit" system that includes CE	—
American Academy of Ambulatory Care	C: None; R: 45 hrs/3 yrs	—
American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses	None	—
American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.	C: 3,000 hrs of practice in prior 5 yrs; R: 50 hrs/5 yrs	—
American Board of Neuroscience Nursing	R: 75-100 hrs depending on hrs of work	•
American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.	R: 90 hrs/3 yrs	None
American College of Nurse Midwives ^b	R: 50 hrs/5 yrs	—
American Holistic Nurses Certification Corporation ^c	C: 48 hrs/2 yrs; R: 100 hrs/5 yrs (20% in holistic nursing)	•
American Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Board	C: None; R: 60 hrs/5 yrs	None
American Nurses Credentialing Center	C and R: clinical requirements range from 1,000 to 1,500 hrs depending on specialty; CE requirements range from 75 to 150 hrs/5 yrs	—
American Organization of Nurse Executives	C: Examination; R: 45 hrs/3 yrs	None
American Psychiatric Nurses Association	None	—
American Society for Psychoprophylaxis, Inc.	R: 15 hrs/3 yrs	None
Association of Camp Nurses	No certification examination	•
Association of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Nurses	None	None
Baromedical Nurses Association	None	•
Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing ^c	R: 100 hrs/4 yrs	None
Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates	R: 50 hrs/3 yrs	—
Certifying Board of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates ^a	R: 100 hrs/5 yrs (80 hrs must be live seminar/workshop, 50 hrs must be GI specific)	None
Competency and Credentialing Institute (Perioperative Nursing)	R: 125 hrs/5 yrs; 2nd certification examination 200 hrs/5 yrs CNOR: 75 hrs specific to perioperative; CRNFA: 100 hrs specific to RNFA	—
Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists	C: Examination and 850 hrs/2 yrs work; R: 40 hrs/2 yrs	None
Dermatology Nursing Certification Board	R: 45 hrs/3 yrs; at least 30 in dermatology	None
Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation ^d	R: 30 recertification units from attendance at Infusion Nurses Society meetings; 10 units from combination of approved methods/3 yrs or retest; hrs of work	None
Lamaze International	C: 30 hrs/3 yrs (if candidates are not graduates of a Lamaze education program); R: 30 hrs/3 yrs or retake examination	None
Medical Surgical Nurses Certification Board	C: None; R: 90 hrs/5 yrs	—
National Alliance of Wound Care	C: Portfolio, examination, continuing education, hrs of practice; R: prior plus option of leadership and 30-60 hrs/5 yrs (CE)	—
National Association of Neonatal Nurses	None	—
National Association of Nurse Massage Therapists	C: None; R: none, but follow state requirement	—

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Name	Renewal of Certification	Plans
National Association of Nurse Practitioners	C: None; R: none	None
National Board for Certification in Continuity of Care	R: 50 hrs/5 yrs	—
National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses	C: Examination and other options; R: 125 hrs/4 yrs (RN accrual method); R: 125 hrs/4 yrs (hrs of practice required for APRNs)	None
National Board for Certification of School Nurses	R: 75 hrs/5 yrs or retest	None
National Board for Nutrition Support Certification	None; recertification by examination	None
National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators	C: examination only; requires RN, 2 yrs practice, 15 hrs CE in past 2 yrs, and 1,000 hrs of diabetes self-management education. R: examination with practice requirement OR 75 hrs CE/5 yrs with practice requirement OR examination and 75 hrs CE/5 yrs	None
National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Specialties ^a	R: 45 hrs/3 yrs or retest; 30 hrs must be in specialty, effective 2009: all in specialty; 2,000 hrs practice/yr	Plans
National Certifying Board for Ophthalmic Registered Nurses	None/Examination only	Possible
National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses	R: 100 hrs/5 yrs	—
National League for Nursing	New certification instituted in 2005	—
Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission	C: 30 hrs in 3 yrs prior to test; R: 60 hrs/3 yrs for Certified Nephrology Nurse; C: 15 hrs in 2 yrs prior to application; R: 60 hrs/3 yrs for Certified Dialysis Nurse	None
Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation ^d	C: 10 hrs/3 yrs; hrs vary based on which certification system that includes CE as option; uses point system	None
Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board ^b	R: 100 hrs/5 yrs; minimum of 70 hrs in orthopedics	None
Pediatric Nursing Certification Board	C: None; R: self-assessments or 80 preceptor hrs (Advanced Practice; 10 hrs/yr + 200 hrs of work/yr)	None
Plastic Surgical Nursing Certification Board ^a	R: 45 contact hrs/3 yrs or retest	None
Radiologic Nursing Certification Board	C: 30 hrs/2 yrs; R: 60 hrs/4 yrs specific to radiologic nursing	—
Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board (RNCB)	C: None; R: 60 hrs/5 yrs	—
Vascular Nursing Certification Board	C: 30 hrs/3 yrs; R: 45 hrs/3 yrs	—
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board	R: As part of experiential pathway	None

^aOne option.^bFor continuing competency assessment.^cAlternates with examination or examination may always be the option.^dSpecific content/requirements designated.

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