

APRN CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

RULE: 1000-04-.05 RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE AND RULE: 1000-01-.18 DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY.

All advanced practice nurses must biennially renew their Tennessee Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Certificate. They must also either biennially renew their Tennessee registered nurse license or maintain their license as a registered nurse with the multistate licensure privilege to practice in Tennessee. Additionally, to demonstrate competency to hold and/or renew an Advanced Practice Nurse Certificate, an advanced practice nurse shall:

- (1) Have initially obtained or maintained, during the most recent biennial renewal period, certification from a nationally recognized certification body appropriate to the nurse's specialty area; and
- (2) One (1) additional item from the Registered Nurse proof of competence list; and
- (3) If in possession of a Certificate of Fitness pursuant to Rule 1000-01-.18, have successfully completed a minimum of two (2) contact hours of continuing education designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices. The continuing education must include instruction in the Tennessee Department of Health's treatment guidelines on opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and carisoprodol and may include such other topics as medicine addiction and risk management tools.

The Tennessee Department of Health wants to provide as many resources as possible to meet this statutory requirement. If you choose to take a course not listed here, please note that it may not meet the statutory requirement.

Ascension St. Thomas: <https://ast.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=14780>

Course Name: Evolving Risks and Ethical Dilemmas of the Opioid Crisis and Updates in Prescribing Controlled Substances

NetCE: <https://www.netce.com/course/overview/prescription-opioids-and-pain-management-the-tennessee-guidelines/95132/3210>

Course name: Prescription Opioids and Pain Management: The Tennessee Guidelines

NURSING CE CENTRAL:

<https://nursingcecentral.com/courses/tennessee-controlled-substance-prescribing/>

Course name: Tennessee Controlled Substance Prescribing

State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company (SVMIC): <https://education.svmic.com/content/9136-managing-controlled-drugs-balancing-safety-compliance#group-tabs-node-course-default2>

Course name: 9136: Managing Controlled Drugs – Balancing Safety & Compliance

Tennessee Medical Association offers a course intended to meet the requirements of the DEA MATE Act and Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' two-hour requirements for prescribers (Course 1). For those who do not need the DEA course, take Course 2.

<https://www.tnmed.org/offerings/>

Course 1: MATE ACT Education Course Offering – 9 Modules **plus** activity TN Specific Prescribing Laws and Guidelines (for those who need DEA course before applying for DEA or renewing DEA registration.

Course 2: Opioid Education: Know More/No More – Free prescriber education course. Fulfills TN's 2-hour continuing education requirement for healthcare license renewal. Free course may also be found here: <https://www.knowmoretn.org/>

University of Tennessee Health Science Center:

https://cenow.uthsc.edu/proper_prescribing#group-tabs-node-course-default1

Course name: "Proper Prescribing of Controlled Substances"

Vanderbilt University: QUIZ TIME – free course for Vanderbilt users

<https://catalog.quiztimehealth.com/course/3444%7CQT-26-TOPL-EPD>

Course Name: 2026 Tennessee Opioid Prescribing Laws – Essentials for Providers and Dispensers