

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.

All advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have prescriptive authority and are holders of a Certificate of Fitness must have documentation of a minimum of (2) contact hours of continuing education designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices.

Within this continuing education, it MUST include instructions in the Tennessee Department of Health's treatment guidelines on opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates and carisoprodol and may include such other topics as medication addiction or risk management tools.

The Tennessee Department of Health wants to provide as many resources as possible to meet this statutory requirement. If you elect to take a course not on this list, please understand that it may not meet the qualifications to meet this statutory requirement.

Tennessee Department of Health's QUIZ TIME: <https://catalog.quiztimehealth.com/>
All courses meet the statutory requirement and are FREE.

State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company (SVMIC): <https://education.svmic.com>

NetCE: <https://www.netce.com/courseoverview.php?courseid=1887>

Nurses.com: <https://www.nurse.com/ce/tennessee-controlled-substance-prescribing-practices-part-1>
And <https://www.nurse.com/ce/tennessee-controlled-substance-prescribing-practices-part-2>

Vanderbilt University: <https://www.vumc.org/nursingoaap/52569>

St. Thomas Health: <https://sthscme.com/content/online-cme-courses/>

The University of Arizona: <https://www.vlh.com/shared/courses/all.cfm?stateid=44>

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