

Continuing Competency Requirements – Certification in lieu of contact hours

12 AAC 44.610 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) Except as provided in (d) of this section, the board will accept continuing education toward fulfillment of the continuing competency requirements set out in 12 AAC 44.600 if the applicant documents

(1) completion of at least 30 contact hours of continuing education for renewal of a license or current certification by a national nursing certification body, during the two years before the licensing period for which the applicant seeks renewal; the applicant shall earn at least 20 of the contact hours in a continuing education program provided

(A) under the accreditation standards established or followed by one of the following organizations:

- (i) American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC);
- (ii) Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME);
- (iii) Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) – courses with a “P” designation or identification number;
- (iv) a nurse practitioner certifying body;
- (v) a nurse anesthetist certifying body; or

(B) by a sponsor for which an applicant or the executive administrator obtains board approval; the board will approve only those sponsors who offer continuing education as defined in (c)(2) of this section;

ANCC – American Nurses Credentialing Center

Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification (RN-BC)
Cardiac Vascular Nursing Certification (RN-BC)
Gerontological Nursing Certification (RN-BC)
Informatics Nursing Certification (RN-BC)
Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification (RN-BC)
National Healthcare Disaster Certification (NHCP-BC)
Nurse Executive Certification (NE-BC)
Nurse Executive Advanced Certification (NEA-BC)
Nurse Case Management Certification (RN-BC)
Nursing Professional Development Certification (RN-BC)
Pain Management Nursing Certification (RN-BC)
Pediatric Nursing Certification (RN-BC)
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Certification (RN-BC)

WOCNCB Credentials – Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN)

WOCNCB is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABNSC) for the following certifications:

Certified Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse – CWOCN
Certified Wound Care Nurse - CWCN, CWON
Certified Ostomy Care Nurse – COCN
Certified Continence Care Nurse - CCCN

WOCNCB is also accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The WOCNCB credentials meet the requirements of ANCC for inclusion in the Demographic Data Collection Tool.