

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : BOARD OF NURSING
BOARD OF NURSING : ADOPTING RULES
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 00-168)

ORDER

An order of the Board of Nursing to create N 8.02 (6m) and 8.05 (3), relating to continuing education.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 441.16 (3) (d), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 441.16 (2) and (3), Stats.

Section N 8.05 (1) requires advanced practice nurse prescribers to complete at least 8 contact hours per year of continuing education in clinical pharmacology/therapeutics, but does not define the term “contact hour.” This proposed rule-making order of the Board of Nursing will obviate confusion that has arisen in that regard by creating a definition of “contact hour.”

Evidence of continuing education completed by advanced practice nurse prescribers must be submitted by licensees on a schedule consistent with the schedule of submission of such evidence to the nurses’ national certifying bodies. Because of variations both as to frequency and date of filing with the national certifying bodies, there has been confusion among licensees as to how long evidence of continuing education must be retained. The board proposes creation of a rule which would establish a uniform minimum retention time of 4 years.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. N 8.02 (6m) is created to read:

N 8.02 (6m) "One contact hour" means a period of attendance in a continuing education program of at least 50 minutes.

SECTION 2. N 8.05 (3) is created to read:

N 8.05 (3) Every advanced practice nurse prescriber shall retain for a minimum period of 4 years, and shall make available to the board or its agent upon request, certificates of attendance issued by the program sponsor for all continuing education programs for which he or she claims credit for purposes of renewal of his or her certificate.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated _____

Agency _____

Chairperson
Board of Nursing

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