

**Kentucky Board of Nursing  
Mandated Continuing Education for Licensure Renewal**

**Nurses are required to earn fourteen (14) contact hours (CH) of continuing education from an approved provider of CE each year for licensure renewal**

<b>Required CE</b>	<b># Contact Hours (CH)</b>	<b>How Often The CE Must Be Earned</b>	<b>How Long To Retain for Your Records</b>	<b>Required for Audit</b>
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>Three (3) CH</b> These hours may count as <b>part of</b> the required 14 contact hours of CE needed for licensure renewal	<b>One-time only requirement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must earn within 3 years of obtaining a KY license</li> <li>• This course was included in the curriculum for graduates of Kentucky programs of nursing as of May 1998</li> </ul>	Retain documentation until you retire your license	Yes
<b>Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome)</b>	<b>One and a half (1.5) CH</b> These hours may count as <b>part of</b> the required 14 contact hours of CE needed for licensure renewal	<b>One-time only requirement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed after July 15, 2010: Must earn within 3 years of obtaining a KY license</li> <li>• This course was included in the curriculum for graduates of Kentucky programs of nursing as of December 2011</li> </ul>	Retain documentation until you retire your license	Yes
<b>Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE)</b>				
<b>Sexual Assault Forensic Medicine, or Domestic Violence</b>	<b>Five (5) CH</b> These hours may count as <b>part of</b> the required 14 contact hours of CE needed for licensure renewal	<b>Each earning period</b> November 1 <sup>st</sup> – October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Retain for at least 5 years	Yes
<b>Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)</b>				
<b>APRNs may use their national nursing certification to satisfy the fourteen (14) contact hours (CH) needed for RN license renewal as long as the certification was initially attained during the licensure period, has been in effect during the entire licensure period, or the certification has been renewed or recertified during the licensure period</b>				
<b>APRN - Pharmacology CE requirement</b>	<b>Five (5) CH</b>	<b>Each earning period</b> November 1 <sup>st</sup> – October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Retain for at least 5 years	Yes
<b>APRNs with a CAPA-CS</b>	<b>One and a half (1.5) CH on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders</b>	<b>Each earning period</b> November 1 <sup>st</sup> – October 31 <sup>st</sup>  These hours may count as <b>part of</b> the required 5 CE contact hours needed in pharmacology for APRN licensure renewal	Retain for at least 5 years	Yes