# 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.

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<th>Required CE</th>
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| Domestic Violence | Three (3) CH | **One-time only requirement:**  
- Must earn within 3 years of obtaining a KY license  
- This course was included in the curriculum for graduates of Kentucky programs of nursing as of May 1998 | Retain documentation until you retire your license | Yes |
| Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome) | One and a half (1.5) CH | **One-time only requirement:**  
- Licensed after July 15, 2010: Must earn within 3 years of obtaining a KY license  
- This course was included in the curriculum for graduates of Kentucky programs of nursing as of December 2011 | Retain documentation until you retire your license | Yes |

### Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE)

| Sexual Assault Forensic Medicine, or Domestic Violence | Five (5) CH | Each earning period  
November 1st – October 31st | Retain for at least 5 years | Yes |

### Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)

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.

| APRN - Pharmacology CE requirement | Five (5) CH | Each earning period  
November 1st – October 31st | Retain for at least 5 years | Yes |
| APRNs with a CAPA-CS | One and a half (1.5) CH  
on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders | Each earning period  
November 1st – October 31st | Retain for at least 5 years | Yes |