

## CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MICHIGAN NURSE ANESTHETISTS, PRACTITIONERS, AND MIDWIVES

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This form is for information only

This document has been developed to explain the requirements and the license renewal process for every nurse anesthetist licensed to practice in Michigan.

The Michigan Public Health Code and board administrative rules require that within the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal application:

- A nurse anesthetist must have obtained recertification from the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists.
- A nurse midwife must have completed the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) continuing competency assessment requirements if initially certified prior to 1996 or if initially certified after 1996, AMCB continuing competency assessment or 20 continuing education units in the nursing specialty field.
- A nurse practitioner must have obtained national recertification or maintained national certification or if Michigan Board certification as a nurse practitioner was obtained before 1991, completed 40 continuing education units in the nursing specialty field.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL**

The continuing education requirements apply to every nurse anesthetist, practitioner, or nurse midwife renewing a Michigan license who held the license for the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of the license renewal. The requirements apply whether or not the nurse is actively engaged in practice as a nurse anesthetist, practitioner, or midwife. No one is exempt from this requirement.

Every nurse who is renewing his/her license should retain records documenting the completion of continuing education. Those documents should be retained for a period of 4 years.

**DO NOT SEND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION DOCUMENTS** along with the license renewal application. The Bureau of Health Care Services will conduct an audit, at the conclusion of the renewal period. Nurses chosen for audit through an automated random selection process will be contacted by letter to submit documented evidence of the recertification.

**DO NOT RENEW YOUR LICENSE IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.**

A nurse who is unable to provide evidence of completion of the continuing education requirements, when requested, is in violation of the Michigan Public Health Code and subject to one or more of the following possible license sanctions: reprimand, probation, denial, suspension, revocation, limitation, restitution, and fine.

**Accredited sponsors are required to provide attendance certificates that indicate name of licensee, program dates, and number of designated hours. Further information about programs with accredited sponsorship may be obtained by contacting the accredited sponsor. "Contact hour" is the same as one 50-60 minute or (1) credit hour.**

### **REQUIREMENT FOR RELICENSURE**

**"Relicensure" means the granting of a license to a person whose license has lapsed for failure to renew the license within 60 days after the expiration date.**

Nurses applying for relicensure pursuant to R338.110405 – **AN APPLICANT FOR REREGISTRATION OF A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 16201 (3) OR (4) OF THE CODE SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS AS APPLICABLE.**

**R 338.10405 - CERTIFICATION RENEWAL; SCHEDULE; REQUIREMENTS; MAINTENANCE OF EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE.**

Rule 405(2)

(a) For the nurse anesthetist, the applicant shall have obtained recertification, which meets the requirements of the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists.

**If audited, the licensee must show proof of the certification or recertification.**

(b) For the nurse midwife, the applicant shall meet one (1) of the following requirements:

(i) If initially certified before 1996, have completed, within the 2-year period immediately preceding the application, the continuing competency assessment requirements of the American Midwifery Certification Board.

**If audited, the licensee must show proof of the certification or recertification.**

(ii) If initially certified after January 1, 1996, have obtained recertification or maintained certification, within the 2-year period immediately preceding the application, that meets the requirements of the American Midwifery Certification Board.

**OR**

(ii) If initially certified after January 1, 1996, have completed 20 continuing education units in midwifery, within the 2-year period immediately preceding the application.

**If audited, the licensee must submit a certificate showing his/her name, hours earned, sponsors accreditation, and the date on which the program was held.**

(c) For the nurse practitioner, the applicant shall meet either of the following requirements:

(i) Have obtained recertification or maintained certification, within the 2-year period immediately preceding the application that meets the requirements of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses, or the National Certification Corporation (NCC).

**If audited, the licensee must show proof of the certification or recertification.**

**OR**

(ii) Those applicants who obtained Michigan Board certification as a nurse practitioner before 1991 shall have completed 40 continuing education units in the nursing specialty field within the 2-year period immediately preceding the application.

**If audited, the licensee must submit a certificate showing his/her name, hours earned, sponsor's accreditation, and the date on which the program was held.**

## **RENEWAL PROCEDURES**

Nursing licenses are renewed every 2 years by March 31. Submission of the renewal application form certifies that the requirements are met. If the renewal requirements have not been completed, the renewal application should not be submitted. Licenses can be renewed during the sixty-day grace period after completion of continuing education requirements, with the renewal fee and the additional \$20.00 late fee. If a waiver is necessary, an application should be made after the licensee receives the renewal application in early January, but before the license expires on March 31. Licensees who have not been granted waivers should allow their licenses to expire. Application for relicensure may be made upon completion of the continuing education requirement within the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of the application for relicensure if license has been expired for no more than 3 years.

Information, forms, and instructions for obtaining board approval can be obtained from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Care Services.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVERS**

The Michigan Public Health Code authorizes the Board of Nursing to waive the continuing education requirements for a license renewal applicant if, upon written application, the board finds the failure of the licensee to attend the required board-approved courses or programs was due to the licensee's disability, military service, absence from the continental United States, or a circumstance beyond the control of the licensee which the board considers good and sufficient. Pursuant to this authority, the board has promulgated guidelines that set forth the policy the board will follow in granting a waiver. The guidelines provide for the following:

**DISABILITY:** The licensee's disability shall have been temporary in nature and the licensee's physician shall attest on the application that the disability no longer prevents the licensee from attending educational programs and engaging in the practice of nursing without limitation.

**MILITARY SERVICE:** The licensee shall have been practicing nursing while in active service of the United States, shall have been licensed at the time of induction or entering into service, and shall have requested that his or her license be placed in military status to continue in effect without payment of the license renewal fee pursuant to Section 16196 of the Public Health Code.

**ABSENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES:** The licensee shall establish that board-approved educational programs were not available within a reasonable distance from which the licensee was located and the licensee shall provide evidence of attendance at educational programs that substantially meet the requirements for approval by the board.

**OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND LICENSEE'S CONTROL:** For circumstances, other than disability, military service, or absence from the continental United States, the licensee shall submit compelling evidence that the circumstances were good and sufficient for a waiver of the requirements.

If the board finds that any of the conditions for waiving the requirements have been met, the number of hours waived shall be proportional to the length of time the licensee was temporarily disabled, in active military service, outside the continental United States, or involved in circumstances beyond the licensee's control. The board will not waive the requirements prospectively, nor will the requirements be waived for a licensee whose circumstances changed in time to reasonably allow the licensee to complete all or part of the requirements before license renewal.

To summarize:

- \* All Michigan licensed nurse anesthetists must have obtained recertification within the 2 years prior to the date of renewal of the license.
- \* All Michigan licensed nurse practitioners must have obtained recertification or maintained certification or if first licensed by the Michigan Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner prior to 1991, have completed 40 hours of CEU's in the nursing specialty field, within the 2 years immediately preceding the expiration date of their license.
- \* All Michigan licensed nurse midwives must provide proof of either: 1) meeting the Continuing Competency Assessment requirements of the AMCB if you were initially certified before January 1, 1996 or 2) continuing certification or recertification from the AMCB Certification Council if you were initially certified after January 1, 1996; or 3) completion of 20 hours of continuing education in midwifery.
- \* Submission of the renewal application and fee is considered a statement that the CE requirement has been met.
- \* Failure to complete the CE requirement is considered a violation of the Public Health Code.

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