

There are multiple states with additional requirements outside the normal CEU or practice hour requirements. For instance, Texas and Nevada require additional hours in bioterrorism. The following information and links can be used by nurse officers to fulfill their state requirements.

TRAIN is a national learning network that provides quality training opportunities for professionals who protect and improve the public's health.

The vast majority of the TRAIN website is free. Some of the trainings available include, but are not limited to:

- Chronic Diseases
- Cultural Competence
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Services
- Environmental/ Industrial Health
- Epidemiology/ Biostatistics
- Hazmat
- International Health

There are over 50 subjects for the user to pick from (under course catalog). The course catalog can be viewed without registering. Training and Continuing Education Online (TCEO) is a system that provides access to CDC educational activities for continuing education (CE). Use TCEO to search for CE opportunities, complete course evaluations and posttests, receive your CE certificates, and manage your CE transcript.

The TCEO website offers over 500 trainings and is free. The user must create an account and then register for the course. Courses can be chosen based on CE format (CME, CNE, CEU, CPH). Training changes on a regular basis.

These links will aid nurse officers in meeting/ maintaining their licensure for readiness purposes in addition to providing up-to-date training for free. These two sites also offer additional training in public health matters and emergency disaster management.”

Registered Nurse Licensure Requirements by State

ALABAMA

Renewal Requirements: 24 CEU, plus 12 hours of independent study through CEU

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <https://www.abn.alabama.gov/apply/>

Telephone Number: 800.656.5318

ALASKA

Renewal Requirements: Must complete 2 of the following:

30 contact hours of continuing education

60 hours of participation in uncompensated professional activities

320 hours of employment as an RN or LPN

In lieu of meeting the above requirements, licensees may qualify for alternative methods of continuing competency pursuant 12 AAC 44.640.

Renewal Date: November 30th - even numbered years only

Website: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing/ApplicantInformation/RenewalInformation.aspx>

Telephone Number: 907.269.8161

ARIZONA

Renewal Requirements: One of the following requirements:

-Practiced as a nurse for 960 hours or more in the past 5 years OR

-Graduated from a nursing program and obtained a degree within past 5 years OR

-Completed an Arizona Board approved refresher course in the past 5 years OR

-Obtained an advanced nursing degree in the past 5 years (i.e. LPN to RN, RN to BSN, masters, or doctorate).

Renewal Date: Every 4 years

Website: <http://www.azbn.gov/Default.aspx>

Telephone Number: 602.771.7800

ARKANSAS

Renewal Requirements: Nurses born in odd-numbered years renew in odd years, and those born in even years renew in even years. Active licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice nurses must complete the continuing education requirement by one of these methods prior to each biennial renewal: Earn 15 contact hours of appropriately accredited practice-focused activities; OR

Hold a current nationally recognized certification/recertification; OR

Complete a minimum of one college credit hour course in nursing with a grade of C or better during licensure period.

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.arsbn.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Telephone Number: 501.686.2700

CALIFORNIA

Renewal Requirements: 30 CEU

Renewal Date: Every 2 years on your birthday

Website: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/>

Telephone Number: 916.322.3350

COLORADO

Renewal Requirements: None

Renewal Date: Every 2 years - By September 30

Website: <https://www.colorado.gov/dora/Nursing>

Telephone Number: 303.894.2430

CONNECTICUT

Renewal Requirements: None

Renewal Date: Every year

Website: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3143&q=388910>

Telephone Number: 860.509.7603

DELAWARE

Renewal Requirements: One of the following:

-1,000 practice hours within the past 5 years, OR

-400 practice hours within the past 2 years, OR

-Refresher course within the past 2 years AND CEU-30 including 3 hours on substance abuse

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.professionallicensing.state.de.us/boards/nursing/index.shtml>

Telephone Number: 302.744.4517

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

Renewal Requirements: FIRST TIME RENEWING- If this is the first time that you are renewing your license, you are not required to meet the continuing education requirement.

CONTACT HOUR OPTION- May be used if you have completed continuing education offerings.

ACADEMIC OPTION- May be used when you have completed a course leading towards a degree in nursing or any academic course relevant to the practice of nursing.

TEACHING OPTION

May be used if you have developed and taught a course or an educational offering for a continuing education provider approved by an accrediting body or Board of Nursing.

Four (4) Contact Hours for each approved contact hour.

Please note: This is not an option for nurses required to develop and teach continuing Education courses as a condition of employment.

AUTHOR OR EDITOR OPTION

Author of a book chapter or peer reviewed article (if the manuscript has been published or accepted for publication during the period for which credit is claimed) or editor of a book during the renewal period. Twenty-four (24) Contact Hours Awarded.

* **Registered Nurses:** Twenty four (24) hours of continuing education; **Advanced Practice RNs** include fifteen (15) hours of the required **24 hours in pharmacology** for the license period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016 in the applicant's current area of practice

Renewal Date: All licenses expire June 30th of even numbered years.

Website: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/bon>

Telephone Number: 877.672.2174

FLORIDA

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 24 hours including 2 hours on the laws and rules that govern the practice of nursing in Florida. Starting 1/2019, 2 hours of education on human trafficking

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://floridasnursing.gov/>

Telephone Number: 850.245.4125

GEORGIA

Renewal Requirements: See Georgia's state page for more detailed information

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/rn>

Telephone Number: 478.207.2440

HAWAII

Renewal Requirements: One of the following:

- National certification or recertification related to the nurse's practice role
- 30 contact hours of continuing education activities
- Completion of a board-approved refresher course
- Completion of a minimum of two-semester credits of post-licensure academic education related to nursing practice from an accredited nursing program
- Participation as a preceptor, for at least one nursing student or employee transitioning into new clinical practice areas for at least one hundred twenty hours, in a one-to-one relationship as part of an organized preceptorship program
- Completion as principal or co-principal investigator of a nursing research project that is an institutional review board project or evidence-based practice project that has been preapproved by the board
- Authoring or co-authoring a peer-reviewed published nursing or health-related article, book, or book chapter
- Developing and conducting a nursing education presentation or presentations totaling a minimum of five contact hours of actual organized instruction that qualifies as continuing education
- Completion of a board-recognized nurse residency program
- A similar type of learning activity option; provided that the type of activity shall be recognized by the board

Renewal Date: Every 2 years on June 30th of odd years

Website: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/nursing>

Telephone Number: 808.586.3000

IDAHO

Renewal Requirements: Starting 2019 License Renewal:

- Current nursing specialty certification OR 100 hours of practice or simulation practice
- 15 contact hours of continuing education OR Completion of a minimum of 1 semester credit hour of post-licensure academic education OR Completion of a Board-recognized refresher course OR Participation in or presentation of a workshop, seminar, or conference
- Acknowledged contributor to a published nursing-related article OR Teaching or developing a nursing-related course of instruction OR Participation in related professional activities

Renewal Date: Every 2 years on August 31

Website: <http://www2.state.id.us/ibn/index.htm>

Telephone Number: 208.334.3110

ILLINOIS

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 20 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years by May 31

Website: <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/default.asp>

Telephone Number: 1.800.823.3110

INDIANA

Renewal Requirements: None

Renewal Date: Every odd year on October 31

Website: <http://www.in.gov/pla/bandc/isbn/>

Telephone Number: 317.234.2043

IOWA

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 36 hours License less than 3 years - 24 CEU
2 hours child abuse training

Renewal Date: Every 3 years

Website: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/nursing>

Telephone Number: 515.281.3264

KANSAS

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 30 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.ksbn.org>

Telephone Number: 785.296.4929

KENTUCKY

Renewal Requirements: One of the following within the past 2 years (waived for the first renewal after licensure):

-14 contact hours

-National, practice-related certification or recertification

completion of nursing research project as director, principal investigator, or co-investigator

-Publication of nursing-related article

-Professional nursing education presentation

-120 hours as preceptor

-7 contact hours plus satisfactory employment evaluation for CE

-3 contact hours of domestic violence education within the first 3 years after licensure (one time only), AND 2 contact hours of HIV/AIDS education

Renewal Date: Every year - October 31

Website: <http://www.kbn.ky.gov>

Telephone Number: 502.429.3300

LOUISIANA

Renewal Requirements: Continuing Education Hours: Full-time nurses: 5 CEU

Part-time nurses: 10 CEU

Inactive nurses: 15 CEU

Renewal Date: Every year

Website: <http://www.lsbm.state.la.us>

Telephone Number: 225.763.3570

MAINE

Renewal Requirements: None

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing>

Telephone Number: 207.287.1133

MARYLAND

Renewal Requirements:

- 1,000 hours of active nursing practice within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the renewal application;
- Satisfactory completion of all requirements for a diploma or degree from a Board-approved nursing education program within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the renewal application; or
- Completion of 30 continuing education units (CEUs) within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of the renewal application

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.mbon.org/main.php>

Telephone Number: 410.585.1900

MASSACHUSETTS

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 15 hours (waived for first renewal) in addition to a course on Domestic Violence to meet Chapter 260 Requirements

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/rn/>

Telephone Number: 617.973.0800

MICHIGAN

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 25 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-27417_27529_27542—,00.html

Telephone Number: 517.335.0918

MINNESOTA

Renewal Requirements: CEU- 24 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/home.do?agency=NursingBoard>

Telephone Number: 612.617.2270

MISSISSIPPI

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 20 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.msbn.state.ms.us>

Telephone Number: 601.987.4189

MISSOURI

Renewal Requirements: None

Renewal Date: Every 2 years - Expires 4-30 of even-numbered years

Website: <http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp>

Telephone Number: 573.751.0681

MONTANA

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 24 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.discoveringmontana.com/dli/nur>

Telephone Number: 406.841.2340

NEBRASKA

Renewal Requirements: One of the following (waived if licensed within the past 2 years):

-500 practice hours within the past 5 years AND 20 contact hours of board-approved CE within the past 2 years.

-Graduated between 2 and 5 years ago, and completed at least 20 contact hours of board-approved CE.

-Board-approved refresher course within the past 5 years.

-Current or new certification in nursing specialty.

-Portfolio demonstrating current continuing competency goals and evidence of professional activity to meet those goals

Renewal Date: On October 31st of odd-numbered year

Website: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/Rn-Lpn/rn-lpn.htm>

Telephone Number: 402.471.2133

NEVADA

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 30 hours, including 4 hours on bioterrorism

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://nevadanursingboard.org/>

Telephone Number: 888.590.6726

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 30 hours

Renewal Date: Every year

Website: <http://www.nh.gov/nursing/>

Telephone Number: 603.271.2323

NEW JERSEY

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 30 hours, 1 CEU on organ and tissue donation

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/default.aspx>

Telephone Number: 973.504.6430

NEW MEXICO

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 30 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://nmbon.sks.com/>

Telephone Number: 505.841.8340

NEW YORK

Renewal Requirements: 3 CEU on infection control every 4 years, 2 CEU on child abuse recognition

Renewal Date: Every 4 years

Website: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/nursing.htm>

Telephone Number: 518.474.3817

NORTH CAROLINA

Renewal Requirements: Must adhere to the following:

- National certification or recertification by a national credentialing body recognized by the Board
- 30 contact hours of continued education
- Completion of a Board-approved refresher course
- Completion of a minimum of two semester hours of post-licensure academic education related to nursing practice OR 15 contact hours of continued education and one of the following
- Completion of a nursing project as principal investigator or co-investigator to include statement of problem, project objectives, methods, date of completion and summary of findings
- Authoring or co-authoring a nursing related article, paper, book or book chapter
- Developing and conducting a nursing continuing education presentation or presentations totaling a minimum of five contact hours, including program brochure or course syllabi, objectives, date and location of presentation, and approximate number of attendees
- 640 hours of active practice within previous 2 years.

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.ncbon.com>

Telephone Number: 919.782.3211

NORTH DAKOTA

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 12 hours and 400 practice hours within last 4 years.

Renewal Date: Every year

Website: <http://www.ndbon.org>

Telephone Number: 701.328.9777

OHIO

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 24 hours including 1 hour Ohio nursing law

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov>

Telephone Number: 614.466.3947

OKLAHOMA

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 24 hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.youroklahoma.com/nursing>

Telephone Number: 405.962.1800

OREGON

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 7 hours on pain management and 960 practice hours (within 5 years)

Renewal Date: Every 2 years and expire at midnight the day before your birthday

Website: <http://www.osbn.state.or.us>

Telephone Number: 503.731.4745

PENNSYLVANIA

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 30 hours, including 3 hours of DPW approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements

Renewal Date: Every 2 years in either April or October

Website: <http://www.dos.state.pa.us/nurse>

Telephone Number: 717.783.7142

RHODE ISLAND

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 10 hours including 2 hours of substance abuse education

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx>

Telephone Number: 401.222.5700

SOUTH CAROLINA

Renewal Requirements: One of the following:

-30 contact hours of CEU

-Certification or recertification by a national certifying body

-Completion of an academic program in nursing or related field

-Employer certification of competency and number of hours practiced

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing>

Telephone Number: 803.896.4550

SOUTH DAKOTA

Renewal Requirements: One of the following:

-140 practice hours during any 12-month period within the past 6 years

-480 total practice hours within the past 6 years. OR

-Board approved refresher course

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/nursing>

Telephone Number: 605.362.2760

TENNESSEE

Renewal Requirements: Proof of practice

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www2.state.tn.us/health/Boards/Nursing/index.htm>

Telephone Number: 615.532.3202

TEXAS

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 20 hours in the area of practice including 2 hours on bioterrorism

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.bne.state.tx.us>

Telephone Number: 512.305.7400

UTAH

Renewal Requirements: One of the following: 400 practice hours OR 15 CEU hours

200 practice hours OR 30 CEU hours

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nurse.html>

Telephone Number: 801.530.6628

VERMONT

Renewal Requirements: One of the following:

- 960 practice hours within the past 5 years
- 400 practice hours within the past 2 years
- Re-entry program within the past 5 years

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://www.vtprofessionals.org/opr1/nurses>

Telephone Number: 802.828.2396

VIRGINIA

Renewal Requirements: One of the following activities:

- Current specialty certification by a national certifying organization
- Completion of a minimum of three credit hours of post-licensure academic education relevant to nursing practice
- Board-approved refresher course in nursing
- Completion of nursing-related, evidence-based practice project or research study
- Completion of publication as the author or co-author during a renewal cycle.
- Teaching a nursing-related course resulting in no less than three semester hours of college credit or specialty certification.
- Teaching nursing-related continuing education courses for up to 30 contact hours.
- 15 contact hours of workshops, seminars, conferences or courses relevant to the practice of nursing and 640 hours of active practice as a nurse.
- 30 contact hours of workshops, seminars, conferences or courses relevant to the practice of nursing.

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/>

Telephone Number: 804.662.9909

WASHINGTON

Renewal Requirements: CEU - 45 hours AND 531 hours of active nursing practice

Renewal Date: Every 3 years

Website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/hpS6/nursing/default.htm>

Telephone Number: 360.236.4700

WEST VIRGINIA

Renewal Requirements: CEU- 12 hours, including two hours on mental health conditions, one hour on drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances

Renewal Date: Every year - October 31

Website: <http://wvrnboard.wv.gov/>

Telephone Number: 608.266.2811

WISCONSIN

Renewal Requirements: None

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://drl.wi.gov/index.htm>

Telephone Number:

WYOMING

Renewal Requirements: One of the following:

- 500 practice hours within the past 2 years
- 1,600 practice hours within the past 5 years
- 20 CE units in the past 2 years
- Refresher or reentry program in the past 5 years

Renewal Date: Every 2 years

Website: <http://nursing.state.wy.us>

Telephone Number: 307.777.7601