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NURSE PRACTITIONER CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY

Policy Statement/Procedure:

NP Rule 21 NCAC 36.0807 states that the nurse practitioner shall earn 50 contact hours of continuing education each year. At least 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be those hours for which approval has been granted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or other national credentialing bodies or practice relevant courses in an institution of higher learning.

Nurse practitioners may choose to obtain formal continuing education credits from the above bodies for the full 50 hours, or they may choose to complete the following activities for all or any part of the 30 hours that do not have to meet the formal criteria.

1. Five (5) hours - Clinical Presentations – Designing, developing and conducting an educational presentation or presentations for health professionals totaling a minimum of 5 contact hours

2. Preceptor hours – with validation from educational program – up to 30 hours

3. Five (5) hours - author on a journal article or book chapter published during renewal year

4. Fifteen (15) hours - primary or secondary author of a book published during renewal year

5. Ten (10) hours – Completion of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved research project related to your certification specialty

6. Five (5) hours - Professional volunteer service during renewal year with an international, national, state or local health care related organization in which your NP or certification specialty expertise is required. Examples of accepted volunteer activities include board of directors, committees, editorial boards, review boards or task forces.

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