

Louisiana State Nurses Association

CNE for APRNs: Additional Instructions for Provider-Directed Activity

The target audience must be designed specifically for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Other RNs can attend and receive the normal continuing nursing education contact hours.

If the activity is to provide CNE for APRNs with prescriptive authority, only APRNs can receive the continuing nursing education contact hours specifically designated for APRN with prescriptive authority.

Keep the following in mind:

1. Under Target Audience - check APRN.
2. The planning committee for this activity must include at least one APRN who has prescriptive authority.
3. Develop the learning outcomes at the Analysis, Synthesis and Evaluation levels
4. Ensure that the certificate reflects the awarding of APRN continuing nursing education contact hours.

The following guidelines for providing these activities were established collaboratively by the **Louisiana State Board of Nursing** and the **Louisiana State Nurses Association**.

The educational activity must include content relevant to **advanced practice nursing** and the use of pharmacological agents in the prevention of illness, and the restoration and maintenance of health.

The following guidelines should be followed:

1. Target Audience

The target audience must be identified as an APRN with prescriptive authority. Some activities will be specific for an APRN in a specific practice setting while others may be appropriate for several areas of practice. Any Registered Nurse (RN) who successfully completes an offering will be awarded contact hours.

2. Learning Outcome and Content

Learning outcomes and content must be relevant to the practice of the APRN and/or the APRN with prescriptive authority. The learning outcomes, content, and learning experiences must enhance the knowledge, attitudes, and skills of the APRN. If awarding prescriptive authority, the content regarding pharmacotherapeutics must be at a level above that required for initial certification. The content must go beyond the basic level of the APRN.

Objectives and content for pharmacotherapeutics should focus on new developments, therapies, and/or research in the APRN's area of specialization and identify the relationship to prescriptive authority. Other content may be directed toward outcomes in prevention of illnesses, and/or restoration and maintenance of health.

3. Planning Committee

The planning committee for a continuing nursing education activity directed toward APRNs and/or APRNs with prescriptive authority should include at least one APRN and/ or an APRN with prescriptive authority. Physicians and pharmacists may also have input into the planning process.

4. Presenters

If contact hours are for prescriptive authority, presenters must have appropriate experience and education to teach advanced pharmacotherapeutics. Pharmacists, medical doctors, APRNs, or other professionals prepared at a masters or doctoral level may serve as faculty.

5. Certificates of Attendance

The number of **Advanced Pharmacotherapeutic contact hours** must be indicated on the certificate of successful completion. Appropriate Provider information, as required by ANCC and LSNA, must also be included on the certificate. **The provider must place the name of the APRN receiving the contact hours on the certificate.**