

TABLE 1

STATE BOARDS OF NURSING (SBNs)–2006

State	CE Requirements*				Plans	
	RN	LPN/LVN	Renewal	Reentry		Approval/Accreditations†
Alabama ^a	•	•	24 hrs/2 yrs	24 hrs/2 yrs	SBN	•
Alaska ^b	•	•	30 hrs	30 hrs	SBN (P/V), SNA (P/V)	•
American Samoa	•	•	None	Completion of course/retake licensure examination within 5 yrs	SBN	•
Arizona	•	•	None	30 hrs in past 5 yrs or reentry update course	SNA	•
Arkansas	•	•	15 hrs/2 yrs	20 hrs/2 yrs	SNA	•
California (RN)	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	30 hrs/2 yrs; after 8 yrs of lapsed status, NCLEX-RN required	SBN	None
California (LVN)	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	After 4 yrs of nonrenewal, NCLEX-PN required	SBN (P/V), Psychiatric Technicians	None
Colorado	•	•	None	None	—	•
Connecticut	•	•	None	When license has lapsed in excess of 3 yrs, Board may review application and may require CE	Other	None
Delaware	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs (RN); 24 hrs/2 yrs (PN)	30 hrs (RN); 24 hrs (P/V) regardless of number of years	SBN, Other	None
District of Columbia	•	•	Only for inactive licenses	12 hrs/1 yr	SBN	—
Florida	•	•	25 hrs/2 yrs of which 1 hr HIV/AIDS and 1 hr domestic violence; 25 hrs/2 yrs (PN)	1 hr/month (1 hr HIV/AIDS included) if inactive + 1 hr domestic violence; 25 hrs/2 yrs	SBN	Possibly
Georgia (RN)	•	•	None	None	None	None
Georgia (LVN)	•	•	None	If absent more than 5 yrs in active practice prior to renewal; CE requirement not defined	SBN (P/V), SNA (P/V)	None
Guam	•	•	None	180 hrs of clinical learning	SBN/SNA	—
Hawaii	•	•	None	None	—	No time frames
Idaho	•	•	None	Varies in 5-yr increments up to 20 yrs	SNA	None
Illinois	•	•	None	If absent 5 yrs, 48 hrs theory/96 hrs clinical (RN); 32 hrs theory/64 hrs clinical (PN)	SBN	•
Indiana	•	•	None	None	Other	•
Iowa	•	•	36 hrs/3 yrs; 12 hrs/3 yrs (PN)	12 hrs in 12 mos. prior to reinstatement	SBN	None
Kansas	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	60 hrs didactic/180 hrs clinical	SBN	None
Kentucky	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs of which 2 hrs AIDS, 3 hrs domestic violence, 1 time requirement	120 hrs/1 yr	SBN	None
Louisiana (RN)	•	•	5, 10, or 15 hrs/yr depending on full- or part-time or nonpracticing status	60 hrs within the past 4 yrs or refresher program or retake NCLEX-RN	SBN, SNA, Other	—

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	RN	LPN/LVN	Renewal	Reentry	
Louisiana (LPN)	•	•	None	Review course if out of practice 4 or more yrs	SBN None
Maine	•	•	None	None	— None
Maryland	•	•	None	Hours of practice/work in a given time (1,000 hrs/5 yrs); Other: 1) completion of Board-approved refresher course/5 yrs, 2) graduation from nursing school/5 yrs, 3) completion of 1 semester full-time nursing study/5 yrs	— Ongoing assessment
Massachusetts	•	•	15 hrs/2 yrs	15 hrs/2 yrs immediately preceding license reactivation	— None
Michigan	•	•	25 hrs/2 yrs	25 hrs/2 yrs	SBN, SNA, SNA (P/V), Other None
Minnesota	•	•	24 hrs/2 yrs (RN); 12 hrs/2 yrs (PN)	1 for every month out of practice with maximum of 150 hrs (RN); 1 for every 2 months out of practice with maximum of 75 hrs (PN)	None None
Mississippi	•	•	Only if nurse has not practiced within previous 5 yrs	20 hrs/2 yrs prior to application for reinstatement or successful completion of Board-approved reorientation program or successful completion of minimum of 3 semester hrs of nursing credit (after 5 yrs out of practice)	SNA •
Missouri	•	•	None	None	— None
Montana	•	•	None	If unlicensed anywhere for 3 yrs must retest	None None
Nebraska	•	•	20 hrs/2 yrs + 500 hrs practice/5 yrs	20 hrs in past 2 yrs + 500 hrs practice in past 5 yrs or Board-approved review course of study	SNA (only 50% required to be approved) None
Nevada	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	Dependent on refresher program after 5 yrs	SBN —
New Hampshire	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	30 hrs/2 yrs; hrs of practice/work in a given time (400 hrs/4 yrs); reentry program required if unemployed less than 400 hrs/4 yrs	SNA —
New Jersey	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	Required	— None
New Mexico	•	•	50 hrs/2 yrs or national certification	Meet 30 hrs requirement in reentry activity; after 5 yrs retake NCLEX, take refresher course, or complete preceptorship (75 hrs each didactic and clinical)	Other None
New York ^b	•	•	None	None	Other None
North Carolina	•	•	One of 7 options; 30 hrs/2 yrs	After 5 yrs of inactivity of license: 240-hr refresher course (RN), 180-hr refresher course (PN) if absent for 5 or more years from active license	SBN, SNA Instilling continuing competency process 2006-2008
North Dakota	•	•	12 hrs/4 yrs (PN)	Required refresher course after 4 yrs absence from practice	SBN, SNA None
N. Mariana Islands	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	30 hrs/2 yrs	SBN —

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Ohio ^c	•	•	24 hrs/2 yrs	24 hrs in preceding 2 yrs	Other	•
Oklahoma	•	•	None	None	None	•
Oregon	•	•	None	Formal program required if not practiced 960 hrs in past 5 yrs	SNA	None
Pennsylvania	•	•	None	None	—	None
Puerto Rico	•	•	36 hrs/3 yrs (RN); 24 hrs/3 yrs (PN)	12 hrs/yr	SNA, SBN, Other	None
Rhode Island	•	•	10 hrs/2 yrs	10 hrs/2 yrs	SNA	•
South Carolina	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs or certify/recertify or completion of academic program or verification of competency and work	80 hrs theory, 80 hrs clinical if practiced less than 960 hrs in past 5 yrs	SNA	—
South Dakota	•	•	None	After 5 yrs, completion of refresher course or successful completion of NCLEX	SNA	•
Tennessee	•	•	None	None	SBN	None
Texas	•	•	20 hrs/2 yrs	20 hrs/2 yrs	SNA, Other	None
U.S. Virgin Islands ^a	•	•	15 hrs/2 yrs	After 5 yrs, approved refresher course	SBN	To delete CE
Utah	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs + practice	30 hrs up to 3 yrs	SNA, Other	•
Vermont	•	•	None	120 hrs each (RN), 80 hrs each (LPN) theory and clinical after 5 yrs	—	None
Virginia	•	•	None	15 hrs after 2 yrs	None	None
Washington	•	•	None	160 hrs clinical/80 hrs theory if absent 3 yrs (RN); 120 hrs clinical/60 hrs theory if absent 3 years (LVN)	SBN	None
West Virginia (RN) ^a	•	•	30 hrs/2 yrs	12 hrs/1 yr	SBN, SNA	None
West Virginia (LVN) ^c	•	•	24 hrs + 400 hrs practice/2 yrs ^a	24 hrs/2 yrs	SBN (P/V), SNA, Other	Possibly
Wisconsin	•	•	None	After 5 yrs, refresher course required	—	None
Wyoming ^b	•	•	20 hrs/2 yrs	Refresher course may be required	SNA (P/V)	—

*CE requirements = Hours refer to contact hours unless otherwise noted.

†Approval/accreditation:

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SNA (P/V) = State Nurses Association (Practical/Vocational)

Other = Any organization other than SBN or SNA

Renewal = Contact hours/time frame

Reentry = Contact hours/time frame

Plans = Plans during the next 2 years that may require some form of continuing competence for licensure renewal or reentry

^aHas special content requirement.^bHas one option for requirement of continued competence.^cSpecific content/requirements designated.

TABLE 2

STATE BOARDS OF NURSING (SBNs)—2006

CE Requirements: Advanced Practice Nursing

State	Renewal	Reentry	Approval/Accreditations	Plans
Alabama	24 hrs/2 yrs; 6 hrs in pharmacotherapeutics; CNS same as RN	No requirements	SBN, SNA (P/V)	
Alaska	CRNPs & CNMs: 6 hrs pharmacology/2 yrs; CRNAs: 6 hrs anesthesia pharmacology/2 yrs			
American Samoa				
Arizona	None			
Arkansas	As required by certification body			
California (RN)	Renewed automatically with RN license renewal			
Colorado				Considering continued certification in specialty
Connecticut	None			
Delaware	10 hrs pharmacotherapeutics			
District of Columbia				
Florida	25 hrs/2 yrs (includes HIV/AIDS and domestic violence, 1 hr each)			
Georgia (RN)				
Guam				
Hawaii	30 hrs/2 yrs, 10 hrs pharmacotherapeutics, 20 hrs clinical topics			
Idaho	30 hrs/2 yrs, including 10 hrs of pharmacology			
Illinois				
Indiana	30 hrs/2 yrs			
Iowa	As required by certification body			
Kansas	Same as RN (30 contact hrs) except Registered Nurse Anesthetists must have the 30 hrs related to nurse anesthesia			
Kentucky	30 hrs/2 yrs—5 in pharmacotherapeutics			
Louisiana (RN)				
			•	
		Same as national certification or 300 hrs APRN practice and 30 contact hrs relating to advanced practice category or area of specialty		
Maine ^c	75 hrs/2 yrs applicable to area of practice	Same as current national certification plus pharmacy requirements for nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives		SBN
Maryland	Same as national certification			

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State	Renewal	Reentry	Approval/Accreditations	Plans
Massachusetts	Same as RN/LPN and current certification related to APN role			
Michigan	Recertification or 40 hrs/2 yrs in specialty			
Minnesota	May use certification to satisfy CE requirements			
Mississippi	40 hrs/2 yrs in specific area of clinical practice			•
Missouri	None	None		
Montana	Must maintain national certification; 6 hrs pharmacy CE to renew prescriptive authority; hrs must be in their scope of practice			
Nebraska	40 hrs/2 yrs (10 hrs pharmacotherapeutics); NPs only			
Nevada	45 hrs/2 yrs–related to specialty			
New Hampshire	60 hrs/5 yrs with 4 hrs pharmacotherapeutics			
New Jersey	Same as RN			
New Mexico	50 hrs/2 yrs with 15 hrs pharmacotherapeutics, 5 hrs clinical topics, and meet RN requirements; CRNAs: same as national certification			
New York	None			
North Carolina	100 hrs/in 2-yr period of initial approval, 3 of which must relate to medical and social effects of substance abuse; clinical specialists must meet recertification requirement		ANCC or CME	
North Dakota	APRNs: 15 hrs/2 yrs pharmacotherapy			
N. Mariana Islands				
Ohio	Same as RN			
Oklahoma	APRN, CNM, and CNS: 15 hrs or 1 academic credit in pharmacotherapeutics (if prescriptive authority) in past 2 yrs; CRNAs: 8 hrs anesthesia in past 2 yrs			
Oregon	100 hrs/2 yrs	100 hrs + 30 hrs pharmacology if more than 5 yrs not practiced	SBN	None
Pennsylvania	None	None		None
Puerto Rico	None			
Rhode Island ^c	30 hrs/6 yrs, 30 hrs pharmacotherapeutics			
South Carolina	15 hrs pharmacotherapeutics/2 yrs			
South Dakota	Same as national certification			•
Tennessee				
Texas (RN)	20 hrs/2 yrs; 5 hrs pharmacotherapeutics for APRNs with prescriptive authority; 20 hrs role			
U.S. Virgin Islands	15 hrs/2 yrs			
Utah	Maintain national certification			

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Vermont	Meet certification agency's CE requirements			
Virginia	40 hrs/2 yrs or hold certification in specialty			
Washington (RN)	30 hrs/2 yrs, 15 hrs in specialty			
West Virginia (RN)	Same as RN unless has prescriptive authority, then 8 hrs pharmacology required			
Wisconsin	If prescription authority, 8 hrs/1 yr pharmacotherapeutics is required over renewal cycle for national certifying body certification			
Wyoming ^c	60 hrs/2 yrs if qualified by education; 30 hrs/2 yrs if qualified by certification			

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TABLE 3

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL NURSING/CERTIFYING BOARDS/ASSOCIATIONS (NPCB/As)–2006

Name	Renewal of Certification	Plans
AACN Certification Corporation (Critical Care)	R: 100 hrs/3 yrs	None
Addictions Nursing Certification Board ^a	R: Examination or "points of credit" system that includes CE	—
American Academy of Ambulatory Care	C: None; R: 45 hrs/3 yrs	—
American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses	None	—
American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.	C: 50 hrs/in previous 5 yrs related to occupational health; R: 75 hrs	—
American Board of Neuroscience Nursing	R: 75 hrs/5 yrs or retake exam	•
American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.	R: 90 hrs/ 3 yrs	None
American College of Nurse Midwives ^b	R: 50 hrs/5 yrs	—
American Holistic Nurses Certification Corporation ^c	C: 48 hrs/2 yrs; R: 100 hrs/5 yrs (20% in holistic nursing)	•
American Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Board	C: None; R: 60 hrs/5 yrs	None
American Nurses Credentialing Center	C and R: clinical requirements range from 1,000 to 1,500 hrs depending on specialty; CE requirements range from 75 to 150 hrs/5 yrs	—
American Organization of Nurse Executives	None	—
American Psychiatric Nurses Association	None	—
American Society for Psychoprophylaxis, Inc.	R: 15 hrs/3 yrs	None
Association of Camp Nurses	No certification examination	•
Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses	None	None
Baromedical Nurses Association	None	•
Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing ^e	R: 100 hrs/4 yrs	None
Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates	R: 50 hrs/3 yrs	—
Certifying Board of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates ^a	R: 100 hrs/5 yrs (80 hrs must be live seminar/workshop, 50 hrs must be GI specific)	None
Competency and Credentialing Institute (Perioperative Nursing)	R: 125 hrs/5 yrs; 2nd certification exam 200 hrs/5 yrs CNOR: 75 hrs specific to perioperative; CRNFA: 100 hrs specific to RNFA	—
Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists	C: None; R: 40 hrs/2 yrs	None
Dermatology Nursing Certification Board	R: 45 hrs/3 yrs; at least 30 in dermatology	None
Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation ^d	R: 30 recertification units from attendance at Infusion Nurses Society meetings; 10 units from combination of approved methods/3 yrs or retake exam	None
Lamaze International	C: 30 hrs/3 yrs (if candidates are not graduates of a Lamaze ed. program); R: 30 hrs/3 yrs or retake exam	None
Medical Surgical Nurses Certification Board	C: None; R: 90 hrs/5 yrs	—
National Association of Neonatal Nurses	None	—

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NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL NURSING/CERTIFYING BOARDS/ASSOCIATIONS (NPCB/As)–2006

Name	Renewal of Certification	Plans
National Association of Nurse Massage Therapists	C: None; R: None, but follow state requirement	—
National Association of Nurse Practitioners	C: None; R: None	None
National Board for Certification in Continuity of Care	R: 50 hrs/5 yrs	—
National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses	R: 100 hrs/4 yrs (RN alternative method); R: 125 hrs/4 yrs (APRN alternative method)	—
National Board for Certification of School Nurses	R: 75 hrs/5 yrs or retest	None
National Board for Nutrition Support Certification	None; recertification by examination	None
National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators	None	None
National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Specialties ^a	R: 45 hrs/3 yrs or retest; 30 hrs must be in specialty; effective 2009: all in specialty	—
National Certifying Board for Ophthalmic Registered Nurses	None/Examination only	Possible
National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses	R: 100 hrs/5 yrs	—
National League for Nursing	New certification instituted in 2005	—
Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission	C: 30 hrs in 3 yrs prior to test; R: 60 hrs/3 yrs for Certified Nephrology Nurse; C: 15 hrs in 2 yrs prior to application; R: 60 hrs/3 yrs for Certified Dialysis Nurse	None
Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation ^d	C: 10 hrs/3 yrs; R: 100 hrs/4.5 yrs (basic), 125 hrs/4.5 yrs (advanced)	None
Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board ^a	R: 100 hrs/5 yrs; minimum of 70 hrs in orthopedics	None
Pediatric Nursing Certification Board	C: None; R: 10 hrs/yr plus 200 hrs of work/yr, self-assessments in Primary Care and Pediatric Pharmacology (PNP) ^b	None
Plastic Surgical Nursing Certification Board ^a	R: 45 contact hrs/3 yrs or retest	None
Radiologic Nursing Certification Board	C: 30 hrs/2 yrs; R: 60 hrs/4 yrs specific to radiologic nursing	—
Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board (RNCB)	C: None; R: 60 hrs/5 yrs	—
Vascular Nursing Certification Board	C: 30 hrs/3 yrs; R: 45 hrs/3 yrs	—
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board	R: As part of professional growth program option	—

^aOne option.^bFor continuing competency assessment.^cAlternates with examination or examination may always be the option.^dSpecific content/requirements designated.