

12.12.2.13 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN) CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER (CNP):

- E. Prerequisites for licensure of CNP by endorsement.
 - (6) Continuing education is not required for initial CNP licensure by endorsement.

- F. Qualifications for licensure as CNP are pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act.
 - (2) CE requirements must be met at the time of the first renewal

- L. Maintaining licensure as a nurse practitioner.
 - (1) National certification: NPs must maintain national certification. A copy of the specialty certification/recertification card shall be presented at the time of each subsequent renewal. Nurse practitioners licensed by the NM board, after December 2, 1985 are required to be nationally certified in their specialty.
 - (2) Continuing education.
 - (a) The CNP shall accrue a total of fifty (50) contact hours of approved CE each renewal period. National certification or recertification as a NP may not be used to fulfill any portion of the CE requirement:
 - (i) thirty (30) contact hours shall meet the requirements for licensure as a RN, and
 - (ii) an additional twenty (20) contact hours, 15 of which must be pharmacology are required.
 - (iii) CNP's with DEA registration and licensure that permits prescribing opioids shall obtain five contact hours of the 15 currently required in pharmacology to include management of non-cancer pain.
 - (iv) CNP's from compact states are only required to fulfill CE requirements listed under item (ii) and (iii) of this subparagraph.