

16.12.2.15 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS):

- K. Maintaining licensure as a clinical nurse specialist.
 - (1) The CNS shall be nationally certified in the specialty by a nursing organization and maintain national certification. A copy of the specialty certification/recertification card shall be presented at the time of each subsequent renewal.
 - (2) Continuing education.
 - (a) The CNS shall accrue a total of fifty (50) contact hours of approved CE each renewal period. National certification or recertification as a CNS may not be used to fulfill any portion of the CE requirement.
 - (b) Thirty (30) contact hours, shall meet the requirements for licensure as an RN, and
 - (c) An additional twenty (20) contact hours, 15 of which must be pharmacology are required.
 - (d) CNSs 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
 - (e) CNSs from compact states are only required to fulfill CE requirement listed under (c) and (d).
 - (f) The CE shall be in accordance with the requirements as set forth in these rules.