

4723-14-01 **Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Accredited provider" means an entity that has received accreditation through a nationally recognized system. An accredited provider is authorized to plan, present and award contact hours for continuing education activities.
- (B) "Approved provider unit" means an entity whose continuing education system has been approved by an OBN approver according to this chapter, or who has been approved by a national accrediting body to provide continuing education in a health care field. An approved provider unit is authorized to plan, present and award contact hours for continuing education activities.
- (C) "Asynchronous learning" means forms of education, instruction and learning that do not occur in the same space or at the same time.
- (D) "Blended learning" is a combination of independent study materials and faculty directed education or enduring materials and faculty directed education.
- (E) "Category A" means a continuing education activity that meets the one hour requirement directly related to Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the rules of the board as described in rule 4723-14-03 of the Administrative Code. To qualify as category A, the continuing education must be approved by the board, an OBN approver, accredited provider, or offered by an approved provider unit.
- (F) "Clinical content" means that the continuing education being provided includes information about patients, patient care, clinical skills, or clinical knowledge.
- (G) "Commercial support" means monetary or in-kind contributions given to the provider, or approved provider unit of a continuing education activity by an ineligible company that is used to pay for all or part of the costs of a continuing education activity.
- (H) "Content integrity" means assuring the content of the education is evidence based and free from commercial bias and marketing.
- (I) "Contact hour" means sixty minutes of continuing education, which may be determined by rounding to the nearest quarter hour.
- (J) "Continuing education" means a learning activity that builds upon a prelicensure or precertification education program and enables a licensee or certificate holder to acquire or improve knowledge or skills that promote professional or technical development to enhance the licensee's or certificate holder's contribution to quality

health care and pursuit of health care career goals according to rule 4723-14-05 of the Administrative Code.

- (1) "Faculty-directed continuing education activity" means a continuing education activity in which faculty facilitate the pace and content of the activity, and the activity is one for which contact hours may be awarded. The activity may occur in settings such as a classroom, on-line, or via teleconference provided that one or more individuals is facilitating the pace of the activity.
 - (2) "Independent study continuing education activity" means a self-paced learning activity for which contact hours may be awarded that includes both a mechanism for evaluation of learning and feedback to the learner.
 - (3) "Enduring continuing education activity" means a provider-directed learner self-paced learning activity for which contact hours may be awarded.
 - (4) "Interprofessional continuing education" means a planned, organized learning experience designed for a target audience made up of members of two or more different professions.
- (K) "Entity" means a corporation, whether for profit or nonprofit, a partnership, a limited liability company, or an unincorporated society or association, but does not include a natural person.
- (L) "Ineligible Company" means an entity that produces, markets, re-sells or distributes health care goods or services consumed by or used on patients, or that is owned or controlled by an entity that produces, markets, re-sells or distributes health care goods or services consumed by, or used on patients.
- (M) "Marketing" means the process of promoting, selling and distributing a product or service. It includes advertising, selling and delivering products.
- (N) "OBN" means the Ohio board of nursing.
- (O) "OBN approver" means an approver of continuing education, headquartered in the state of Ohio, that has successfully completed the approval or reapproval process set forth in rules 4723-14-09 and 4723-14-10 of the Administrative Code.
- (P) "Planned learning activity" means an educational experience which meets the requirements of this chapter and that may include interprofessional continuing education.
- (Q) "Proof of completion of continuing education" means a document or other verification that is issued by a continuing education provider as evidence of successful

completion of a continuing education activity, and that meets the requirements set forth in rule 4723-14-06 of the Administrative Code.

- (R) "Provider" means an entity that has received approval to plan and present faculty-directed, enduring, or independent study continuing education activities.
- (S) "Reactivate" means to change the status of a license or certificate from inactive to active.
- (T) "Reinstate" means to change the status of a license or certificate from lapsed or suspended to reinstated.
- (U) "Reporting period" means:
- (1) For a licensed practical nurse, July first through June thirtieth in the even numbered years;
 - (2) For a registered nurse, July first through June thirtieth in the odd numbered years;
 - (3) For an advanced practice registered nurse, July first through June thirtieth in the odd numbered years;
 - (4) For an Ohio certified dialysis technician, January first through December thirty-first in the odd numbered years;
 - (5) For a certified community health worker, January first through December thirty-first in the odd numbered years;
 - (6) For a state of Ohio certified doula, the reporting period specified in Chapter 4723-24 of the Administrative Code.
 - (7) For a certified medication aide, February first through January thirty-first in the even numbered years.
- (V) "Waiver" means a one-time exception from meeting the continuing education requirement set forth in section 4723.24 of the Revised Code and rules 4723-8-10, 4723-14-03, 4723-23-06, and 4723-26-05 of the Administrative Code.

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Registered nurse, ~~Continuing education requirement for~~
licensed practical nurse, and certified medication aide
continuing education ~~and registered nurses.~~

- (A) A nurse applying to renew an active license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse ~~in Ohio~~ must complete twenty-four contact hours of continuing education during the reporting period, unless an exception applies, and at least one of the required hours needs to be in category A continuing education.
- (1) For the period immediately following licensure by examination, a nurse who holds an active license to practice nursing in Ohio is not required to complete any contact hours of continuing education for the first license renewal;
- (2) A nurse who has been licensed by endorsement in Ohio for one year or less must complete twelve contact hours of continuing education;
- (3) A nurse who has been licensed by endorsement in Ohio for more than one year must complete twenty-four contact hours of continuing education.
- (B) A licensed practical nurse who has an active license as a registered nurse in Ohio is not required to meet the continuing education requirement for renewal of the license to practice as a practical nurse.
- (C) A nurse from another jurisdiction who applies for licensure by endorsement to practice as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse in Ohio is required to complete two contact hours of category A continuing education in order to be eligible for licensure.
- (D) A certified medication aide must complete the eight contact hours of continuing education required under section 4723.651 of the Revised Code and this chapter during the reporting period, unless an exception applies.
- ~~(D)~~(E) ~~To in order to~~ renew, applicants must attest to completion of the continuing education required by this rule on the application for renewal. The board may require a renewal applicant to show proof of completion of continuing education. If the board requests proof of continuing education and the applicant fails to provide proof to the board before the end of the renewal period, the license or certificate shall lapse.
- ~~(E)~~(F) To reactivate an inactive license or to reinstate a lapsed license, or volunteer certificate, to practice as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse, the applicant must complete twenty-four contact hours of continuing education during the twenty-four month period immediately before the application date.
- (1) If the license or volunteer certificate of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse has been inactive or lapsed in Ohio less than two years, or the applicant

holds a current, valid license in another jurisdiction, the continuing education shall be twenty-four contact hours of continuing education that includes one hour of category A.

- (2) If the license or volunteer certificate of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse has been inactive or lapsed in Ohio for two years or more, and the applicant does not hold a current, valid license in another jurisdiction, the continuing education must consist of twenty-four contact hours. The twenty-four contact hours must include two contact hours of category A with learning outcomes that address scopes of practice for registered and licensed practical nurses, standards of safe practice, and nursing delegation.

To reactivate an inactive certification or to reinstate a lapsed medication aide certificate for two years or less, the applicant must complete the contact hours set forth in section 4723.651 of the Revised Code.

- ~~(F)~~(G) A licensed practical nurse, ~~or~~ registered nurse, or medication aide who requests that a license to practice be placed on inactive status is not required to meet the continuing education requirement for the period during which the license or certificate is on inactive status. ~~To return to active status, the nurse must meet the continuing education requirements in paragraph (E) of this rule.~~
- ~~(G)~~(H) A licensed practical nurse or registered nurse may use a waiver to satisfy the continuing education requirement for one renewal period only if the nurse notifies the board in writing requesting the waiver. Once a nurse notifies the board of the intent to use the waiver, the board will not accept a withdrawal of the request.
- ~~(H)~~(I) A licensed practical nurse or registered nurse cannot use the waiver to satisfy the requirements of rule 4723-8-10 or 4723-14-07 of the Administrative Code, or to meet the requirements for reactivating or reinstating a license.
- ~~(H)~~(J) A licensed practical nurse, ~~or~~ registered nurse, or certified medication aide who earns more than the number of hours required by this chapter during a single renewal period cannot apply the extra hours to meet future renewal period continuing education requirements.
- ~~(J)~~(K) One contact hour of education, that is directly related to recognition and handling of human trafficking victims, or victims of sexual assault, may qualify as part of the hours of continuing education required by paragraph (A), paragraph (E) or paragraph (K) of this rule for purposes of license or certificate renewal, reactivation or reinstatement.
- ~~(K)~~(L) Except as provided in paragraph (M) of this rule, a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse seeking to renew~~An individual holding~~ a volunteer's certificate under

section 4723.26 of the Revised Code must satisfy the minimum requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule. An advanced practice registered nurse seeking to renew a volunteer's certificate must also satisfy the minimum requirements under rule 4723-8-10 of the Administrative Code.~~issued by the board according to section 4723.26 of the Revised Code must:~~

~~(1) To renew the certificate, complete twenty-four contact hours of continuing education in the twenty-four month period immediately before the renewal application date, that meets the requirements of Chapter 4723-14 of the Administrative Code, and includes:~~

~~(a) Two contact hours of category A with learning outcomes that address standards of safe practice and nursing delegation;~~

~~(b) One contact hour that includes content in patient abuse, patient rights, and professional boundaries;~~

~~(c) Two contact hours that include content in the scope of practice of the licensed practical nurse and the registered nurse;~~

~~(d) Two contact hours in nursing documentation;~~

~~(e) Three contact hours in principles of pain management;~~

~~(f) One contact hour that addresses the application of the nursing process and critical thinking related to patient care;~~

~~(g) One contact hour that includes content in maintaining patient confidentiality;~~

~~(h) Four contact hours in patient assessment and wound care;~~

~~(i) Four contact hours in medication administration and preventing medication errors; and~~

~~(j) Four contact hours relevant to the nurse's practice setting.~~

~~(2) To reactive an inactive certificate or reinstate a lapsed certificate, the applicant must complete the continuing education requirements specified in paragraph (K)(1) of this rule.~~

~~(L)~~(M) For purposes of complying with the twenty-four hours of continuing education required by section 4723.24 of the Revised Code, a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse may satisfy up to eight hours by providing health care services as a volunteer if the following requirements are met:

- (1) The licensee provides the health care services to an indigent and uninsured person as defined in section 2305.234 of the Revised Code;
- (2) For registered nurses, the health care services provided are the practice of nursing as a registered nurse as defined in division (B) of section 4723.01 of the Revised Code;
- (3) For licensed practical nurses, the health care services provided are the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse as defined in division (F) of section 4723.01 of the Revised Code;
- (4) The health care services provided are provided as a volunteer, as that term is defined in section 2305.234 of the Revised Code;
- (5) The licensee satisfies the requirements of section 2305.234 of the Revised Code to qualify for the immunity from liability granted under that section;
- (6) One hour of continuing education may be awarded for each sixty minutes documented as spent providing health care services as a volunteer;
- (7) The licensed practical nurse or registered nurse obtains, and maintains for a period of six years following the date the health care services are provided, a signed statement from a person at the health care facility or location where the health care services were performed indicating:
 - (a) The date and time period the licensee performed the health care services;
 - (b) That the recipient of the health care services was indigent and uninsured as defined in section 2305.234 of the Revised Code; and
 - (c) That the licensee provided the health care services as a volunteer as defined in section 2305.234 of the Revised Code.