



Advanced Pharmacology Requirements for Licensure Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs), Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNPs) and Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs)

The Board began issuing APRN licenses with CNM, CNP or CNS designations on April 6, 2017. These licenses include the authorization to prescribe.

One of the requirements for licensure as a CNM, CNP, and CNS is 45 contact hours of advanced pharmacology education within the last five years. Of the 45 contact hours, there must be a minimum of 36 hours from a single provider. In addition, the education must include fiscal/ethical implications of prescribing, “state and federal” laws applicable to prescribing, instruction specific to schedule II controlled substances (schedule IIs) that includes pain management therapies, fiscal/ethical implications for schedule IIs, “state and federal” laws about schedule IIs, prevention of abuse, and diversion of schedule IIs. See Section 4723.482(B), ORC, for details about the content. The administrative rules allow for the schedule II content to be integrated with other topics, and specify that the course *can be faculty directed and obtained from either an accredited education institution acceptable to the board or a continuing education (CE) program that meets the requirements of Chapter 4723-14, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)*. See Rule 4723-9-02, OAC, for details.

Applicants Who Completed Their Education at an Ohio Based Institution

The standard curriculum for a master’s degree in nursing includes a 3-hour course (3 semester hours are equal to 45 contact hours) in advanced pharmacology. Therefore, applicants who graduated from an Ohio based institution, with a master’s degree in nursing within the past 5 years should have obtained 45 hours of advanced pharmacology as part of their core curriculum. These applicants would meet the advanced pharmacology requirements.

Applicants Who Did Not Complete Their Education at an Ohio Based Institution

Applicants who did not attend an Ohio program, but completed 45 contact hours of advanced pharmacology will, in addition, need to obtain contact hours for state and federal laws applicable to prescribing, instruction specific to schedule IIs which includes pain management therapies, fiscal/ethical implications for schedule IIs, state and federal laws about schedule IIs, prevention of abuse, and diversion of schedule IIs. The Ohio Nurses Associations provides a course (see below).

Advanced Pharmacology Course Resources

The following table of education providers reported to the Board that they provide the online advanced pharmacology education required for licensure. Appropriate courses offered by other institutions, companies, or organizations would also be acceptable.

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Fitzgerald or Barkley and Associates An additional course offered by the Ohio Nurses Association must be completed.	Fitzgerald or Barkley
Ohio Nurses Association "Prescribing Schedule II Medications: An Online Course for APRNs who Prescribe in Ohio" or "APRN Schedule II 3 Hour Course"	https://ce4nurses.org

Questions?

If you have questions concerning licensure, email the Board at LicensureAPRN@nursing.ohio.gov

If you have questions concerning practice, email the Board at PracticeAPRN@nursing.ohio.gov

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