

## Nebraska Nurse Practitioner Reentry Program

A re-entry program (172 NAC 98 004.02) is required if the following requirements for licensure have not been met:

- Completed an APRN-NP educational program within the previous five years from the date of application.
- Practices as an APRN-NP for at least 2080 hours within the previous 5 years. (178 NAC 98 006.02).

Temporary licenses will be issued for the purposes of a reentry program as part of continuing competency activities established by the board and may be extended for up to one year (38-2318).

To be eligible to submit an application for re-entry to practice to the Board, the NP must meet all other requirements for registration for approval of practice as established at the time of initial application and hold national certification in the NP's area of education and practice. A temporary permit will be issued for the purpose of completing the clinical requirements required by the re-entry plan.

The re-entry plan is self-directed and individualized based on the NPs certification and population foci. Requirements for re-entry are based on the number of years the NP has been out of practice.

For NPs who are currently licensed, but will not have the required practice hours at the time of renewal, contact the Education Consultant at 402-471-4917.

NP Reentry to Practice Requirements					
Number of Years Inactive as a NP or less than required practice hours	<2080 practice hours at time of renewal	<b>2</b> Inactive greater than two years	<b>3</b> Inactive greater than three years	<b>4</b> Inactive greater than four years	<b>5</b> Inactive greater than five years
Contact hours of pharmacology continuing education	12	24 pharmacology contact hours	36 pharmacology contact hours	Pharmacology course	Pharmacology course
Contact hours of continuing education consistent with the NP's education and population foci	20	40 contact hours	60 contact hours	80 contact hours	100 contact hours
Precepted clinical experience consistent with the NP's education (certification) and area of practice	80 hours	160 hours	240 hours	320 hours	400 hours

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## How do I apply for the re-entry plan?

- Phase 1. Complete the APRN reinstatement application form. The application must be approved before you can submit the re-entry to practice plan.
- Phase 2. Complete the Re-entry to Practice Application form.
- Clinical site(s) which will provide the clinical experience consistent with the NP's area of education and certification. The clinical experience must be precepted by an MD or NP.
  - Plan for obtaining continuing education credits and pharmacology credits.
  - Submit a copy of your Curriculum Vitae.
  - Educational Design Documentation Form.
  - Signed preceptor agreement form.
- Phase 3. The Department will grant approval of the NP reentry plan. You will receive an email from the Education Consultant noting official approval of the re-entry plan.
- The reentry plan must be approved before you begin the refresher course.

All reentry programs must be completed within one year.

### Contact Hours

Pharmacology and general NP Continuing Education (CE) are separate contact hours. Only CEs related to the NP education and certification completed within one year of applying for the refresher course will be considered. All CEs must be approved by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), or other national credentialing bodies.

Graduate level pharmacology course for APRNs can be at least 3 semester credit hours (45 contact hours) or on a CE basis (45 contact hours). One semester credit is 15 contact hours, one quarter credit is 7.5 contact hours.

Contact hours without provided information will **NOT** be accepted.

### Precepted Clinical Experience

Do not begin clinical experience until you have been granted approval from the Board. The clinical site must be in the area of the NP's education and national certification.

NOTE: You may have more than 1 preceptor and more than one site if you are required to complete 320 precepted hours or more. The expectation is that the preceptorship will provide you with direct hands-on clinical experience where you will complete histories, physical exams and determine the plan of care. Shadowing should be limited to two days.

Required components for the precepted clinical experience:

- Health assessment and clinical reasoning
- Clinical management of common health problems and disease that reflect the NP's formal education program and national certification
- Clinical preventive services and client education if applicable.

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### **Preceptor Assessments Midway and Final**

- a. Midway: Once the NP has completed half of the required hours with the preceptor, the NP will notify the Education Consultant and provide the email of the preceptor. The Education Consultant will send the evaluation to the preceptor for completion.
- b. Final: Once all precepted hours are completed, the NP will notify the Education Consultant and provide the preceptor's email. The final evaluation will be completed.

### **Program Completion**

Once the evaluations are completed and all requirements for licensure are in place, the APRN-NP license will be re-instated.