

New Category A Continuing Education Rules From OBN

The Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) recently revised its rule dealing with Category A continuing education (Rule 4723-14—01). The change, which became effective February 1, 2009, states that “Any category A continuing education obtained on or after February 1, 2009 must be approved by an OBN Approver or offered by an OBN approved provider unit that is headquartered in Ohio.”

In an article written by Zandra Ohri, Director of Nursing Education, of the Ohio Nurses Review, Volume 84, Issue 2, Category A continuing education is education specifically related to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 4723(the law regulating nursing practice) and/or the Ohio Administrative Code chapters 4723-1 through 4723-27, which are the rules adopted by the OBN.

At least one (1) hour of Category A CE is required to renew an Ohio nursing license (RNs, LPNs) or to renew a certificate to practice (dialysis technician, community health workers, medication aides in long term care).

What does this mean to you?

If you attended our 2008 conference, you heard Jacalyn Golden & Sandy Lacivita present Ohio’s Laws & APNs. This will count for your 1 Category A CE to renew your RN license this year.

Attendees this year will get NO Category A CE. NEONP uses the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners to process the CE application. This is an out of state group and NOT approved by OBN as an approved provider. NEONP apologizes for any inconvenience this will cause for our attendees.

There are several on line courses you can take for a fee. www.ce4nurses.org is one. www.WesternSchools.com is another. Also try www.NetCE./OH09