



**To:** NJSNA Approved Providers and Individual Educational Activity Providers  
**From:** NJSNA Approver Unit  
**Subject:** Revisions to NJSNA Approval Criteria/ANCC Standards  
**Date:** July 3, 2013

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The American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation has revised some of their policies and provided clarification for another. With regards to the eligibility of content for CNE credit, the Commission has decided to permit the awarding of contact hours for in services, staff development activities, repeated programs (such as ACLS) and Basic Life Support (BLS). These changes by the Commission on Accreditation will expand the opportunities nurses have to participate in learning activities while fulfilling requirements.

To facilitate the transition of these changes, the NJSNA Approved Unit has provided the outline below outlining the policy changes. Additionally, we have revised the 2013 CE Manual, Provider Unit forms and Individual Activity forms (all revised 6/2013) as a Word doc using track changes. The nurse planners will receive copies of these documents and will have the opportunity to see the changes clearly and then "Accept all Changes in Document" and save as a Final Copy.

These changes will go into effect July 5, 2013.

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## Summary of Changes (7/3/13)

Topic	Action	Rationale	NJSNA Materials
<b>Content Eligibility</b>	<p>The Commission on Accreditation (COA) will permit content that is provided through in-service and/or staff development activities to be eligible for awarding continuing nursing education (CNE) credit.</p> <p>All educational design criteria for CNE must be followed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The COA believes there are significant learning opportunities for registered nurses that occur during in-service or staff development activities and therefore these should be eligible for awarding ANCC contact hours.</li> <li>The COA believes that this change will permit providers to be better able to choose content that meets identified practice gaps based on needs assessment data for their target audiences.</li> </ul>	<p>Revised in CE Manual p 23</p> <p>Individual and Provider forms</p>
<b>Repeat Courses</b>	<p><b>Awarding ANCC contact hours for content in “repeat” courses (ACLS, PALS, NRP or similar)</b></p> <p>The Commission on Accreditation (COA) will permit awarding of ANCC contact hours for all content in courses that are repeated on a regular basis for all learners.</p>	<p>The COA believes that learning is reinforced by repeat exposure to educational content, and repeat exposure may be more likely to result in behavioral change. Learners are accountable for choosing educational activities that meet their learning needs.</p>	<p>Not addressed</p>
<b>BLS</b>	<p><b>Awarding ANCC contact hours for Basic Life Support (BLS) courses</b></p> <p>The Commission on Accreditation (COA) will permit</p>	<p>The COA believes that Basic Life Support is of critical importance for patient safety. This change is in congruence with our accreditor</p>	<p>Not addressed</p>

	awarding of ANCC contact hours for Basic Life Support (BLS) courses for all learners.	colleagues in medicine and pharmacy. In addition, the COA believes that learning is reinforced by repeat exposure to educational content, and repeat exposure may be more likely to result in behavioral change.	
<b>Non Endorsement Statement</b>	<p><b>Requirement for non-endorsement disclosure statement</b></p> <p>The Commission on Accreditation (COA) has eliminated the requirement for the non-endorsement disclosure statement.</p>	The COA believes that the non-endorsement disclosure statement is no longer relevant. Providers must plan, implement and provide continuing nursing education (CNE) activities in an unbiased, non-promotional and balanced manner therefore this disclosure requirement was eliminated.	<p>Deleted from CE Manual p. 39, 43, 45, 56</p> <p>Individual and provider forms</p>
<b>Approval Statement</b>	<p><b>Use of the ANCC Accreditation statement (or applicable approval statement for Approved Providers and Individual Activity Applicants)</b></p> <p>The ANCC Accreditation statement (or applicable approval statement for Approved Providers and Individual Activity Applicants) must be provided to learners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. prior to the start of every educational activity, and</li> <li>2. on each certificate of completion.</li> </ol> <p>The ANCC Accreditation statement (or applicable</p>	Given the many methods of delivering information to learners, it may prove difficult to include ANCC statement on all communications and marketing.	<p>Revised in CE Manual p. 14, 31, 42, 44, 46, 49</p> <p>Individual and provider forms</p>

	<p>approval statement for Approved Providers and Individual Activity Applicants) must begin and end on its own line of text.</p>		
<p><b>Content Integrity Standards</b></p>	<p>Clarification of individuals who may participate in planning, implementing and evaluating educational activities in relation to conflict of interest. The language that has been added to the ANCC Content Integrity Standards (under item F) has been copied below:</p> <p><i>Employees of commercial interest organizations are not permitted to serve as planners, speakers, presenters, authors and/or content reviewers if the content of the educational activity is related to the products or services of the commercial interest organization.</i></p> <p><i>Employees of commercial interest organizations are permitted to serve as planners, speakers, presenters, authors and/or content reviewers if the content of the educational activity is NOT related to the products of the commercial interest organization.</i></p> <p><i>Individuals who have non-employee relationships with commercial interest organizations (see bullet 2 below) are permitted to serve as planners, speakers, presenters, authors and/or content reviewers as long as the Provider has implemented a mechanism to identify, resolve and disclose the relationship as outlined in these standards.</i></p>	<p>To provide clarification</p>	<p>Revised in CE Manual p. 36, 37</p>

<p><b>Content Integrity Standards</b></p>	<p>Removal of language “disclaimer that neither the Provider nor ANCC are endorsing the product”</p>	<p>To correspond with changes above</p>	<p>none</p>
<p><b>Content previously developed</b></p>	<p>Content previously developed, such as ACLS, PALS, NRP, and PEARS, ENLEC courses maybe incorporated into educational activities for continuing nursing education credit</p> <p>The Primary Nurse Planner and Planning Committee must:</p> <p>Develop a written policy stating that educational programs may be offered using previously developed content, detailing the following:</p> <p>Conduct an independent needs assessment of the target audience, justifying the need to offer said course.</p> <p>Development of a minimum of two new learning objectives, which must be independent of any previously developed objectives for the content.</p> <p>Identify previously developed educational content that meets the learning needs of the target audience.</p> <p>Possess evidence that the previously developed content is current, evidence-based, meets current standards or practice guidelines.</p> <p>Provide evidence of revisions/deletions/additions required for the previously developed content OR evidence stating why previously developed content</p>	<p>Previously supported by ANCC. This will allow for further opportunities for learning.</p>	<p>New</p> <p>Added to Design Principles</p> <p>CE Manual p 32</p>

	<p>did not require any revisions/deletions/additions.</p> <p>Ensure the previously developed content is objective and unbiased; and excludes any promotional influence.</p> <p>Verify that the previously developed content meets the definition of "continuing education" as described by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission On Accreditation Program.</p> <p>If possible, if previously developed content was approved by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission On Accreditation Program, obtain a copy of the approval.</p> <p>The Nurse Planner and Planning Committee may not approve a previously-developed educational activity and award continuing nursing education credit without complying with these guidelines. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in loss of approval status.</p>		
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