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Re: Educational Requirements for APRN's who possess an active DEA number for controlled substance prescribing.

Dear Licensee,

The legislature has been very busy addressing the opioid crisis in NH. Many actions have resulted that affect healthcare licensees who are prescribers of controlled substances. The Board of Nursing adopted emergency prescribing rules that parallel the Board of Medicine. Regular rules will be adopted in June, 2016 and will be contained in Nur 500 Chapter that can be accessed at: [www.nh.gov/nursing](http://www.nh.gov/nursing) -Nurse Practice Act- Chap 100-800. Other related rules that address the Prescription Drug Management Program (PDMP) and 3<sup>rd</sup> party Narcan prescribing are also contained in Nur 500.

SB 576 requires all prescribers who possess a United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license number to register with the PDMP program, shall complete and submit verification of 3 contact hours (of the 5 that are already required for renewal and reinstatement) of regulatory board-approved online continuing education or pass an on-line examination, in the the area of pain management , opioid prescribing, addiction disorder or a combination, as a condition for initial licensure and license renewal or reinstatement. The board will also accept contact hour completion certificates from organizations that are nationally recognized experts on these topics via conference, webinar or webcast formats. See board approved resources at: [www.nh.gov/nursing](http://www.nh.gov/nursing) under the APRN heading.

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Beginning September 1, 2016, licensees must submit evidence of completing 3 contact hours of education in order to license, renew or reinstatement an APRN license. For those who have renewed before September 1, please bear in mind that your next renewal will require evidence of this education, so please access the recommended sites.

**Recommended links:** Useful resources and information are contained under the following links.

<https://nhnpa.enpnetwork.com/page/22411-nh-opioid-prescribing-resource>

for the following:

- NH Opioid Prescribing Clinical Tools
- Clinical Practice Resources for Consultation & Referral
- Information
- Guidelines
- Government Regulations and Resources
- Online Education and Supports
- National pain organizations

Continuing Medical Education (CME) regarding Opioid Prescribing

Massachusetts Medical Society Opioid Prescribing Series (6 Modules):

[http://www.massmed.org/Continuing-Education-and-Events/Online-CME/Courses/Opioid-Prescribing-Series---Module-1/Opioid-Prescribing-Series-\(6-Modules\)/](http://www.massmed.org/Continuing-Education-and-Events/Online-CME/Courses/Opioid-Prescribing-Series---Module-1/Opioid-Prescribing-Series-(6-Modules)/)

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry Various Activities: <http://pcssmat.org/education-training/>

American Pain Society REMS for ER/LA Opioid Analgesics: The Keys to Safe Use :

<http://www.medscape.org/>

Audio Digest Foundation Various educational activities: <http://www.audio-digest.org/>

Boston University School of Medicine Safe and Effective Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Pain:

<http://www.opioidprescribing.com/overview>

Boston University School of Medicine SCOPE of Pain - Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education

<https://www.scopeofpain.com/>

Federation of State Medical Boards Extended-Release and Long-Acting (ER/LA) Opioids: Assessing Risks, Safe Prescribing: <http://www.fsmb.org/policy/education-meetings/er-la-opioids>

Federation of State Medical Boards Model Policy for the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain: <http://www.fsmb.org/policy-and-education/education-meetings/pain-policies>

Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine Pain Action Consulting Team (PACT): A Mentoring Model

CME: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/nidamed/etools/safe-prescribing-pain>

NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse Safe Prescribing for Pain:

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/nidamed/etools/safe-prescribing-pain>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Substance Use in Adults and Adolescents:

Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT): <http://www.medscape.org/>

SAFE Opioid Prescribing CME Program | ACP

<https://www.acponline.org/meetings-courses/focused-topics/program-for-safe-opioid-prescribing-now-available-earn-free-cme>

ASAM: <http://www.asam.org/education/resources/opioid-prescribing>

<http://carlataddictiontreatment.com/> Education requires paid subscription

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