

Consideration of Request for Charge to NPAC to Evaluate Whether the Development, Authorship and Presentation of Approved Continuing Education May be Accepted for Continuing Education Credit

Summary of Request: Consider a request to charge the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC) to evaluate and recommend whether the development, authorship and presentation of approved continuing nursing education may be accepted for continuing nursing education credit.

History: At the NPAC meeting on September 18, 2013, there was discussion regarding program development and presentation as an acceptable activity for continuing nursing education. The committee discussed the benefits of any program development and presentation as an acceptable continuing education activity. In the proposed rules, there are additional criteria for program development and presentations for basic forensic evidence collection, and nursing jurisprudence and ethics; however, the committee members recommended that the Board consider amending the current rules to include that a person who develops or presents any program may obtain CNE.

The committee did not discuss authorship as an activity that may be accepted for continuing nursing education credit; however, the Nursing Practice Act, Section 301.303, related to Continuing Competency, states that the Board may consider a license holder's professional portfolio [NPA 301.303 (a) (2)]. A professional portfolio may include authorship in addition to program development and presentation. Prior to 2007, the BON did accept authorship as a Type II continuing nursing education activity. To develop and revise an article for publication in a peer reviewed nursing publication, requires an extensive amount of time and literature review that enhances the knowledge of the author(s).

Pros: Seeking input from NPAC will ensure that affected stakeholders have an opportunity to explore this idea and have input into recommendations to the Board.

Cons: Without input from the committee the possibilities of CNE expansion will not be explored and the committee's expressed request will be denied.

Recommendation: Move to charge the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC) to evaluate whether the development, authorship and presentation of approved continuing nursing education may be accepted for continuing nursing education credit. The committee's recommendations will be presented for the Board's consideration at a future Board meeting.