

4723-14-01 **Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Category A" means the portion of continuing education that meets the one hour requirement directly related to Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the rules of the board as set forth in rule 4723-14-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) "Contact hour" means ~~fifty or sixty~~ sixty minutes of continuing education. On the effective date of this rule, a continuing education activity that was approved under a previous administrative rule based on a fifty minute contact hour, may continue to utilize a fifty minute contact hour until expiration of the approval. Any application for approval of a continuing education activity after the expiration shall be based on a sixty minute contact hour.
- (C) "Continuing education" means an approved or accredited planned learning activity that builds upon a ~~licensee's or certificate holder's~~ prelicensure or precertification education program and enables ~~the a~~ a licensee or certificate holder to acquire or improve knowledge or skills, knowledge, or behavior that promote professional or technical development ~~or advance~~ to enhance the licensee's or certificate holder's contribution to quality health care and pursuit of professional career goals. ~~The activity may include classroom, clinical, or independent study but shall not include the activities set forth in paragraph (B) of rule 4723-14-05 of the Administrative Code.~~
- (D) "Faculty-directed continuing education activity" means a continuing education activity in which faculty facilitate the pace and content of the activity, and the activity is one for which contact hours may be awarded in accordance with this chapter. ~~The faculty and participants must engage in the activity at the same time.~~ The activity may occur in settings such as, but not limited to, a classroom, on-line, or via teleconference provided that one or more individuals is facilitating the pace of the activity ~~at the time of the activity.~~
- (E) "Independent study" means a self-paced learning activity developed and directed by a provider of continuing education for individual use which has been approved by an OBN approver, another regulatory board in accordance with paragraph (A) of rule 4723-14-05 of the Administrative Code, an accredited educational institution, or a national accreditation system and which includes both a mechanism for evaluation of learning and feedback to the learner.
- (F) "Inservice program" means activities provided for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:
- (1) To meet specific expectations of the job; or

- (2) To promote understanding of, and compliance with, institutional policies and procedures.
- (G) "Interdisciplinary continuing education" means a planned, organized learning experience approved by a nationally recognized accreditation system designed for a target audience made up of members of two or more separate professions.
- (H) "OBN" means the Ohio board of nursing.
- (I) "OBN approver" means an approver of continuing education that has successfully completed the approval or reapproval process set forth in rules 4723-14-09 and 4723-14-10 of the Administrative Code.
- (J) "Planned learning activity" means an educational experience which meets the requirements of this chapter and that may include interdisciplinary continuing education.
- (K) "Proof of completion of continuing education" means a ~~legible photocopy of the continuing education certificate, academic transcript or grade report, or other documentation of completion verifying that the licensee or certificate holder has satisfactorily completed continuing education~~ document or other verification that is issued by a continuing education provider as evidence of successful completion of a continuing education activity, and that meets the requirements set forth in rule 4723-14-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (L) "Provider" means a person responsible for the planning and presentation of a faculty-directed or independent study continuing education activity described in this chapter .
- (M) "Provider unit" means a person whose entire continuing education system has been approved by an OBN approver in accordance with this chapter, and is therefore authorized by the approver to plan and present continuing education activities.
- (N) "Reactivate" means to change the status of a license or certificate from inactive to active.
- (O) "Reinstate" means to change the status of a license or certificate from lapsed or suspended to reinstated.
- (P) "Reporting period" or "renewal period" means:

- (1) For a licensed practical nurse, September first through August thirty-first in the even numbered years;
 - (2) For a registered nurse, September first through August thirty-first in the odd numbered years;
 - (3) For an Ohio certified dialysis technician, April first through March thirty-first in the odd numbered years;
 - (4) For a certified community health worker, April first through March thirty-first in the odd numbered years;
 - (5) For a certified medication aide, the renewal period as specified in Chapter 4723-27 of the Administrative Code.
- (Q) "Waiver" means a one-time exception from fulfilling the continuing education requirement set forth in section 4723.24 of the Revised Code and rules 4723-14-03, 4723-23-06, and 4723-26-05 of the Administrative Code.

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