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**Educational activities that do and do not meet the continuing education requirement.**

- (A) Any of the following options may be used by a licensee or certificate holder to meet the continuing education requirements set forth in section 4723.24 of the Revised Code, this chapter, or Chapter 4723-23, 4723-26 or 4723-27 of the Administrative Code:
- (1) A continuing education activity that has been approved by an OBN approver or provided by an approved provider unit;
  - (2) A continuing education activity that has been approved by a board or agency regulating the licensee or certificate holder in another jurisdiction;
  - (3) A continuing education activity that has been approved or provided by a nationally recognized accreditation system of continuing education or a national certifying organization that meets the requirements in division (A) of section 4723.46 of the Revised Code;
  - (4) A successfully completed course provided by an accredited educational institution for which academic credit is awarded to the licensee or certificate holder;
  - (5) An independent study continuing education activity, or an enduring continuing education activity, as defined in rule 4723-14-01 of the Administrative Code;
  - (6) Interprofessional continuing education as defined in rule 4723-14-01 of the Administrative Code;
  - (7) A continuing education activity that has been approved by a board or an agency that regulates a health care profession or related discipline in Ohio or another jurisdiction;
  - (8) Continuing education credit may be given to a licensee or certificate holder who develops and presents a course or activity, or develops an independent study continuing education activity, or an enduring continuing education activity, as follows:
    - (a) For the first time a presentation is given, the licensee or certificate holder who develops and presents the course or activity shall be awarded the same number of contact hours as the participant receives for the presentation. Contact hours shall only be awarded for the first time a presentation is given;
    - (b) For an independent study continuing education activity, or an enduring continuing education activity, the number of contact hours awarded to the licensee or certificate holder who develops the independent study or

enduring activity shall be equal to the number of contact hours awarded to participants who complete the independent study or enduring activity;

(c) A licensee or certificate holder who presents a portion of an activity may receive continuing education contact hours for additional portions of the activity the licensee or certificate holder attends but does not present.

(9) The board may award contact hours for a board-approved continuing education activity.

(10) A nurse who completes CE activities defined in (A)(1) through (A)(9), shall retain and submit upon audit or request of the Board proof of completion of continuing education as contained in Rule 4723-14-06.

(B) Except as provided for advanced practice registered nurses in paragraph (C) of this rule, the following activities cannot be used by a licensee or certificate holder to meet the continuing education requirements set forth in section 4723.24 of the Revised Code, this chapter, or Chapter 4723-23, 4723-26 or 4723-27 of the Administrative Code:

(1) Repetition of any educational activity with identical content and course outcomes within a single reporting period;

(2) Self-directed learning such as reading of texts or journal articles that has not been approved as an independent study or an enduring activity or awarded contact hours by an accredited or approved provider or provider unit;

(3) Participation in clinical practice or research that is not part of a continuing education activity;

(4) A personal development activity;

(5) Professional meetings or conventions except for those portions designated as a continuing education activity;

(6) Community service or volunteer practice, unless the service or practice qualifies under paragraph (L) of rule 4723-14-03 of the Administrative Code;

(7) Continuing education ordered by the board pursuant to section 4723.28, 4723.282, 4723.652 or 4723.86 of the Revised Code; or

(8) Membership in a professional organization.

(C) The continuing education required of an advanced practice registered nurse to maintain certification by a national certifying organization shall be applied toward the

continuing education requirements for renewal of a license to practice as a registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse if the continuing education is obtained through a program or course meeting the requirement of paragraph (A) of this rule. Notwithstanding paragraph (B) of this rule, if the activity is approved or provided by a national certifying organization, which meets the requirements of division (A) of section 4723.46 of the Revised Code, the activity may include the following:

- (1) Self-directed learning such as reading or reviewing of texts or journal articles;
- (2) Participation in clinical practice, research or mission trips;
- (3) Professional meetings or conventions; or
- (4) Precepting, teaching or conducting public education courses.

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