

IV. COLLEGE COURSE CREDIT

Definition - Continuing nursing education credit is granted for college courses successfully completed within the renewal period. Each college credit hour is equivalent to 15 contact hours. College courses must meet the definition of continuing nursing education, i.e. be part of a program leading to a nursing degree or have a demonstrated relationship to the practice of nursing. College courses taken which are not part of a nursing degree program must be submitted on an IOA to verify they meet the definition of continuing nursing education. Since college credit is accepted by either the renewal form or by submission of an IOA, no accurate means of calculating college credit used for license renewal is available

V. PROVIDERS APPROVED BY OTHER STATE BOARDS OF NURSING OR NATIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

In 1997, a statute change allowed the board to accept offerings as approved continuing nursing education if presented by: Colleges that are approved by a state or the National Department of Education, providers approved by other state boards of nursing, the National League for Nursing, the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses, the American Nurses Credentialing Center or other such national organizations as listed in rules and regulations adopted by the board. Currently, it is not possible to retrieve contact hours for continuing nursing education offerings attended by Kansas licensees from these accepted providers.

VI. CNE SUMMARY: TOTAL CNE CONTACT HOURS

The total FY 2003 KSBN approved continuing nursing education is listed below. Table 6 reflects participant contact hours from Long-Term Providers (interactive and independent study) and IOA's.

FY 2003 CNE SUMMARY

Long-Term Providers (interactive and independent study)	346,599
Individual Offering Approvals (IOA)	17,953
<u>Actual Total Contact Hours</u>	364,552
Kansas Resident Licensees	39,414
Kansas Resident Licensee Renewals estimated per Year	19,707
Renewal Contact Hours per licensee	x30
<u>Total Expected Contact Hours</u>	591,210

Summary Analysis

Of the total resident licensees, approximately half were expected to renew in FY 2003. The estimated contact hours required for FY 2003 renewals was 591,210 (each renewal equaling 30 contact hours).

The total FY 2003 KSBN contact hours offered by Long-Term Providers and those from IOA's amounted to 364,552.

Unfortunately, the data regarding number of contact hours obtained from accepted providers (those not approved by KSBN), college courses and single program providers that were utilized for license renewal cannot be retrieved for calculation.

In summary, a comparison of the actual and expected sums indicated that the quantity of contact hours made available to licensees from KSBN Long-Term Providers and from IOA's were 38% less than the expected FY 2003 renewal needs.