

60-9-105. Definitions.

- (a) "Approval" means the act of determining that a providership application or course offering meets applicable standards based on review of either the total program or the individual offering.
- (b) "Approved provider" means a person, organization, or institution that is approved by the board and is responsible for the development, administration, and evaluation of the continuing nursing education (CNE) program or offering.
- (c) "Authorship" means a person's development of a manuscript for print or a professional paper for presentation. Each page of text, formatted according to the American psychological association's guidelines, shall equal three contact hours.
 - (1) Authorship of a manuscript means a person's development of an original manuscript for a journal article or text accepted by a publisher for statewide or national distribution on a subject related to nursing or health care. Proof of acceptance from the editor or the published work shall be deemed verification of this type of credit. Credit shall be awarded only once per topic per renewal period.
 - (2) Authorship of a professional research paper means a person's completion of a nursing research project as principal investigator, co-investigator, or project director and presentation to other health professionals. A program brochure, course syllabus, or letter from the offering provider identifying the person as a presenter shall be deemed verification of this type of credit. Credit shall be awarded only once.
- (d) "Behavioral objectives" means the intended outcome of instruction stated as measurable learner behaviors.
- (e) "Certificate" means a document that is proof of completion of an offering consisting of one or more contact hours.
- (f) "CE transcript" means a document that is proof of completion of one or more continuing nursing education offerings.
- (g) "Clinical hours" means planned learning experiences in a clinical setting. Three clinical hours equal one contact hour.
- (h) "College course" means a class taken through a college or university and meeting the definition of CNE in K.S.A. 65-1117 and amendments thereto. One college credit hour equals 15 contact hours.
- (i) "Computer-based instruction" means a learning application that provides computer control to solve an instructional problem or to facilitate an instructional opportunity.
- (j) "Contact hour" means 50 minutes of participation in a learning experience that meets the definition of CNE in K.S.A. 65-1117, and amendments thereto.
- (k) "Distance learning" means the acquisition of knowledge and skills through information and instruction, encompassing a variety of technologies.
- (l) "Independent study" means a self-paced learning activity undertaken by the participant in an unstructured setting under the guidance of and monitored by an approved provider. This term may include self-study programs, distance learning, and authorship.
- (m) "Individual offering approval (IOA)" means a request for approval of an education offering meeting the definition of CNE but not presented by an approved provider or other acceptable approving body.
- (n) "In-service education" and "on-the-job training" mean learning activities in the work setting designed to assist the individual in fulfilling job responsibilities. In-service education and on-the-job-training shall not be eligible for CNE credit.
- (o) "Offering" means a single CNE learning experience designed to enhance knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to nursing. Each offering shall consist of at least one contact hour.
- (p) "Orientation" means formal or informal instruction designed to acquaint employees with the institution and the position. Orientation shall not be considered CNE.
- (q) "Program" means an organized effort to achieve overall CNE goals.
- (r) "Refresher course" means a course of study providing review of basic preparation and current developments in nursing practice.
- (s) "Total program evaluation" means a systematic process by which an approved provider analyzes outcomes of the overall continuing nursing education program in order to make subsequent decisions.

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