

**POLICY STATEMENT**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING**

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**Continuing Education Requirements for Identified High-Prescribers**

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Tenn. Code Ann. §68-1-128 requires the Tennessee Department of Health to identify high-risk prescribers.

If a prescriber is identified as a high-risk prescriber, the Tennessee Board of Nursing shall notify the prescriber and, if applicable, the prescriber's collaborating physician of the prescriber's identification as a high-risk prescriber and require the prescriber to participate in a continuing education course that is designed to inform providers about the risks, complications and consequences of opioid addiction. The specific continuing education courses and number of hours to be completed by the prescriber shall be determined by the Board.

In order to meet this requirement, it is the Board's position that the prescriber must complete a continuing education course or courses that individually or combined total no less than twenty (20) hours and address the risks, complications and consequences of opioids addiction.

The following list are courses that have been approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing which address the risks, complications, and consequences of opioid addiction.

- (1) Prescribing Controlled Drugs Course offered by Vanderbilt Center for Professional Health  
<https://medsites.mc.vanderbilt.edu/cph/live-courses#prescribing>
- (2) Prescribing Controlled Drugs Course offered by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP)  
<https://www.cpepdoc.org/cpep-courses/prescribing-controlled-drugs/>
- (3) Intensive Course in Controlled Substance Prescribing offered by Case Western Reserve University  
<https://cwru.cloud-cme.com/default.aspx?P=0&EID=39535>

Should a prescriber wish to attend a continuing education course that is not listed, a review of the course syllabus by the Board's consultant will be necessary to assure education regarding the risks, complications and consequences of opioid addiction is included. Prior approval by the Board's consultant is required for courses not listed.