

481—619.1(272C) Definitions. The board adopts by reference the definitions in Iowa Code section 272C.1 as well as the following:

“Academic offering” means an extension course, independent study, or other course that is offered for academic credit or audit by an accredited institution of higher education.

“Audit” means the selection of licensees for verification of satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements during a specified time period.

“Certification” means evidence of advanced credentials earned by a licensee who has met all eligibility criteria.

“Continuing education credit” means contact hours or continuing education units (CEUs) to show evidence of course attendance.

“Extended course” means an organized program of study offered in a series of sessions.

“Informal offering” means a workshop, seminar, webinar or online course, institute, conference, lecture, extended course, provider-designed self-study, or learner-designed self-study that is offered for credit in contact hours or continuing education units.

“Learner-designed self-study” means lecture development, research, preparation of articles for publication, development of patient care programs or patient education programs, or projects directed at resolving administrative problems in which the learner takes the initiative and the responsibility for assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating an educational activity under the guidance of an Iowa approved provider.

“Practicum” means a course-related, planned and supervised clinical experience that includes clinical objectives and assignment to practice in a laboratory setting or with patients/clients/families for attainment of the objectives.

“Provider-designed self-study” means a program that the provider designs for the nurse to complete at the nurse’s own pace (e.g., home study, programmed instruction).

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