

655—5.1(272C) Definitions.

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

“*Approved provider*” means a person, organization, or institution that holds an Iowa approved provider number and has met the criteria specified in subrule 5.3(4).

“*Approved provider number*” means the board-assigned number which identifies an Iowa approved provider.

“*Audit*” means the selection of licensees for verification of satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements during a specified time period; or the selection of Iowa approved providers for verification of adherence to continuing education approved provider requirements during a specified time period.

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

“*Continuing education*” means planned, organized learning activities which are designed to maintain, improve, or expand nurses’ knowledge and skills or to develop new knowledge and skills relevant to nursing for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, or theory development.

“*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 which 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.

“*Nonapproved provider*” means a person, organization, or institution that does not hold an Iowa approved provider number. The board may recognize credit from nonapproved providers as specified in subrule 5.2(7).

“*Practicum*” means a course-related, planned and supervised clinical experience which 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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