

# West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses Guidelines for Continuing Education Requirements for Mental Health Conditions Common to Veterans and Family Members of Veterans.

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The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) guidelines for continuing education (CE) requirements for mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans are defined as educational offerings that include information on training on inquiring or inquiring about whether the patients are veterans or family members of veterans, and screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and prevention of suicide.

Specific Board guidelines include the following:

1. The initial course(s) is at least a total of 2 hours and may be counted as part of the current 12 hour annual CE requirement and must be completed on or before October 31, 2015.
2. After the first 2 hour course, subsequent updates must be at least 2 hours and may be counted as part of the current 12 hour annual CE requirement, and must be completed on or before October 31 of each year.
3. The training may be in 1 or 2 courses or a portion of a longer program provided the brochure or agenda describes the content and the number of hours related to the requirements.
4. The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional nurses accepts nurse CE credit approved by any state board of nursing, or state/national nursing association related to mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, and screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and prevention of suicide.