Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal

As of January 1, 2026, practice hours will no longer be required for Oregon licensed nurses or certified nursing assistants and medication aides. Going forward, continuing education hours will be used to assure competency.

As of January 1, 2026

LPN, RN, or APRN Renewal Applicants:

- **One-hour pain management education in the last 36 months.** This course is available through the Oregon Pain Management Commission. To complete this requirement or for more information, please visit the Oregon Pain Management Commission's website.
- **Two hours of cultural competency education in the past 48 months**. To complete this requirement or for more information, please visit the Oregon Health Authority : Cultural Competence Continuing Education (CCCE) : Equity and Inclusion Division : State of Oregon.

CNA Renewal Applicants

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CMA Renewal Applicants

- **Eight hours of continuing education** related to medication aide authorized duties.

As of January 1, 2028:

LPN, RN, or APRN Renewal Applicants

When renewing a nursing license, the following applies:

- LPN or RN applicants: 20 hours of continuing education within two years.
- CNS applicants: 75 hours of continuing education within the last five years.
- Nurse emeritus applicants: 10 hours of continuing education within two years.
- CRNA or NP applicants: Holding current national certification fulfills the continuing education requirement. Please note that Pain Management and Cultural Competency education is still required. See below.

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CNA Renewal Applicants

No change.

CMA Renewal Applicants

No change.

Quick Table: 2028 License/Certification Renewal

	Practice-Related Continuing Education (CE)	**Pain Management** (1 hour)	**Cultural Competency** (2 hours)
Certified Nursing Assistant	N/A	N/A	Every 48 months after initial licensure or certification
Certified Medication Aide	8 hours	N/A	
Licensed Practical Nurse	20 hours	Initial application and within the previous 36 months	
Registered Nurse	20 hours		
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	75 hours related to APRN Role or national certification (Can include the above hours)		
Nurse Emeritus	10 hours		