

ESRD NETWORK 13

Serving Arkansas, Louisiana & Oklahoma Renal Communities



RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS IN RENAL HEALTH CARE

RECOMMENDATION: ESRD health care professionals attain at least 5.0 hours of continuing education credits and/or contact hours annually in the area of renal health care. Of the 5.0-hour recommendation, 2.0 hours must be approved for credit by accredited professional health care organization.

Each ESRD provider should utilize continuing education verification forms for tracking purposes.

CRITERIA: ESRD health care professionals (nurses (RN/LPN), social workers, dietitians, and patient care technicians).

RATIONALE: To foster the highest attainable level of patient care in the ESRD setting, continuing education serves to validate ongoing qualification and knowledge for practice in a renal health care setting. It also encourages the maintenance of up-to-date knowledge base in renal health care.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:

- ESRD Network 13 Workshop Series
- American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA)
- National Association of Nephrology Technicians (NANT)
- Dialysis Corporations
- Suppliers of Dialysis Supplies, Pharmaceuticals
- Internal Facility Continuing Education (In-services)
- Local Colleges / Universities / Vocational Technical Schools
- National Kidney Foundation (NKF)
 - Council of Nephrology Nurses & Technicians (CNNT)
 - Council of Nephrology Social Workers (CNSW)
 - Council of Renal Nutrition (CRN)

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