

Options and Resources for Contact Hour Approval

Several options and resources are available for ANNA chapters to apply for contact hour approval of future educational programs:

1. Request to use a hospital approved program with whom your chapter can co-provide contact hours.
2. Apply to other ANCC Approver Units. The full list can be found on the ANCC website following this link: <https://www.nursingworld.org/organizational-programs/accreditation/find-an-accredited-organization/>. Follow the directions and you will find approver units near your area.
3. Many State Nursing Organizations (SNO) have approver units, all of which can be found on the link above. However, you can also get information about SNOs from their website or from state newsletters. Each state has their own time frames for submission of applications.
4. The Ohio Nurses Association has an application process that is very similar to the one used by CEAB. Information can be found at <http://www.ohnurses.org/education/#activityapproval>. The application process is online, requires six (6) weeks for application/review/approval, has staff available for support, and has a similar fee schedule. They have a user-friendly site, online videos to assist you in the application process, and staff members who are willing to talk with you.
5. Chapters can apply to become a provider of CE with the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) at <https://www.rn.ca.gov/applicants/cep-lic.shtml>. Approval by the California BRN enables your chapter/organization to provide continuing education activities for two (2) years without needing to apply for contact hours each time. Some of ANNA's chapters already use this service.
6. American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) has an approver unit that is well-known within the nursing community. Their information is available at <https://www.aacn.org/education/program-approval>.