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**MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION  
FOR REGISTERED NURSES**

On June 29, 2006 Governor Rendell signed into law Act 58 of 2006 (SB 235), which requires thirty (30) hours of Board approved mandatory continuing education (CE) during each two-year license renewal period for individuals licensed as registered nurses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Prior to Act 58, registered nurses were the only healthcare providers in PA without requirements for mandatory continuing education for license renewal. Earning 30 hours of CE every two years is mandated in nine other states, including Alaska, California, Delaware, Kentucky, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and West Virginia.

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**The CE regulations were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin as final on July 12, 2008 and can be viewed at <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol38/38-28/1289.html>**

**RNs with licenses expiring October 2008 are NOT required to have completed 30 hours of Board-approved CE. The first group of RNs that will need to verify completion of CE are those RNs expiring October 2010. All licensees will be sent a letter explaining this new requirement.**

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