

Guidelines for Pharmacotherapeutic hours for APRNs (adapted from ANCC FAQs 8/21/15)

1. If a provider is developing content to meet the ANCC pharmacotherapeutic hour requirement, content must specifically address advanced pharmacotherapeutics.
2. Pharmacotherapeutic content does not need to be presented by a nurse... however the presenter must have content expertise in pharmacology.
3. When developing the content for an educational activity, it is recommended that the provider delineate the number of pharmacotherapeutic contact hours.
4. Existing continuing education courses/programs that include pharmacotherapeutic content may be reviewed to calculate the appropriate number of pharmacotherapeutic contact hours.
5. When a speaker develops content for an educational activity, it would be advised that pharmacotherapeutic contact hours contained within the presentation [be clearly delineated and] be calculated at that time.

**Pharmacotherapeutic content may include but is not limited to drug specific information, safe prescribing practices, safe medication administration, prescribing methodologies, new regulations or similar content and must be advanced content required for APRN's.

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