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**OPINION:** Conversion for Education Hours  
**APPROVED DATE:** February 2018  
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**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE:**  
 Education Committee

An advisory opinion adopted by WSBN is an interpretation of what the law requires. While an advisory opinion is not law, it is more than a recommendation. In other words, an advisory opinion is an official opinion of WSBN regarding the practice of nursing as it relates to the functions of nursing. Facility policies may restrict practice further in their setting and/or require additional expectations related to competency, validation, training and supervision to assure the safety of their patient population and/or decrease risk.

Within the Scope of Practice/Role of  APRN  RN  LPN  CNA

**ADVISORY OPINION**  
**Conversion of Educational Hours**

**Intent of Advisory Opinion:**

In accordance with W.S. 33-21-122 (c) (iii) of the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act (NPA), the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) has approved the following Advisory Opinion on the converting education hours. The purpose of this opinion is to guide safe practice.

**Introduction:** For the purposes of this advisory opinion, the terms “continuing education units”, “contact hours of education”, “continuing medical education”, “in-service hours”, “professional development” and “clock hours”, “semester hours”, and “college quarter hours” are equivalent to the following time frames for satisfactory completion of education hours requirements under the Wyoming Administrative Rules and Regulations (Chapter 2, section 13):

		<i>Clock Hours</i>
<i>CEU</i>	<i>1 unit</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>Contact</i>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>Prof Dev</i>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>In-service</i>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>50-60 Minutes</i>	<i>1 unit</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>CME</i>	<i>1 unit</i>	<i>1 hr</i>
<i>College Semester Hr</i>	<i>1 credit</i>	<i>10 hr</i>
<i>College Quarter Hr</i>	<i>1 credit</i>	<i>7 hr</i>

**References**

International Association for Continuing Education and Training. Standards of CEU and conversions. Retrieved on November 20, 2017 from [www.iaacet.org](http://www.iaacet.org).