

ANCC Guidelines for Incorporating Previously Developed Content Into Educational Activities and Awarding Continuing Education Credit.

This is not a new change but just one I wanted to highlight for your convenience.

When planning education activities Nurse Planners may identify previously developed content that would be appropriate for learning needs of the intended target audience. The Nurse Planner and the Planning Committee may not “approve” a previously developed educational activity and award continuing nursing education credit with complying with these guidelines.

The Nurse Planner and Planning Committee must

- Have conducted an independent needs assessment of the target audience
- Have identified previously developed educational content that meets the learning needs of the target audience.
- Have developed learning objectives for the educational activity independent of the learning objectives previously developed for the content or have evidence why previously developed learning objectives did not require modification.
- Have evidence that the previously developed content is current, evidence-based, meets current standards or practice guidelines or otherwise should be incorporated into the activity.
- Have evidence of revisions/deletions/additions required for the previously developed content OR evidence stating why previously developed content did not require any revisions/deletions/additions.
- Ensure that the previously developed content is objective and unbiased; and excludes any promotional influence.
- Verify that the previously developed content meets the definition of “continuing education” as described by ANCC.