

# **APRN Program on Proper Prescribing Practices:** *What You Know About Prescribing Opioids May Save Your License*

**September 9-10, 2021**  
**8 am - 5 pm**

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**Target Audience:** APRN's in primary care/family medicine, psychiatry, and pain management.

**Program Overview:** Advanced Practice Nurses will engage in a 2-day, CNE approved, transformational professional development program that aims to enhance and improve knowledge and skills on safe prescribing, substances of abuse, pain management, and preventing board sanctioning. This program will change how you practice medicine! Quotes from past participants:

*"I wish they would have taught this in school."*

*"Great course overall! I am deeply grateful to have attended. Thank you for all your excellent work!"*

**Registration Required:** See back for program content, registration, and pricing.

(Note: This is not our board mandated prescribing program.)

*The ANA has stated that the opioid epidemic supports the need for nurses - advanced practice registered nurse (APRNs) – to be "properly trained and educated in opioid prescribing" and deemed this "a critical and necessary investment."*



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**Activities:** Participants will engage in various teaching strategies including group discussions, case-based discussions, role plays, Q&A, and practice to develop knowledge and skills on managing prescriptions, pain, and substance use. This training is more than a basic lecture and a value for the cost.

## Learning Outcomes:

1. Improved knowledge of individual and office-based practices regarding proper prescribing of controlled substances.
2. Enhanced skills on screening and identifying opioid use, misuse, and opioid use disorders.
3. Raised awareness of the federal, state, and clinical practice guidelines related to proper prescribing and how to avoid board actions against one's license.



## 2-day Program Content

Prescribing Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal</li><li>• State (highlights for TN and KY)</li></ul>
Nursing Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulations and process</li><li>• Preventing sanctions</li></ul>
Proper Prescribing Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Opioid Epidemic</li><li>• Opioids and other CPD</li><li>• Individual and office-based practices</li></ul>
Substance Use Disorders (SUD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying misuse and SUD</li><li>• SBIRT/MI, clinical screening tools</li><li>• Provider decision aid and referral resources</li></ul>
Managing Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chronic and postsurgical pains, treatment options, adjuvants, etc.</li></ul>
Skill Building Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practice cases</li><li>• Role plays using SBIRT and MI</li></ul>

*"Salient information that each APRN should incorporate into daily practice when prescribing controlled medications."*

*"This course is highly informative and well structured." "Very interactive and engaging. I also like the immediate feedback provided during role play."*

*"Screening tools very helpful. Course materials were delivered far in advance... Course materials well organized and helpful."*

*"Excellent instructors that engaged each student, provided positive feedback and offered sage wisdom that I found beneficial. Overall, excellent course!!"*

## Registration Required!!

(NOTE: This is NOT our Board Mandated Course. Please register for that course separately.)

- Register at: <https://medsites.vumc.org/cph/home>
- Click on Center for Professional Health & Wellness Programs
- Select APRN program
- Early Bird Price (before August 9, 2021): \$675.00
- General Pricing (on or after August 9, 2021): \$750.00
- Participants MUST stay the full program to earn 15.25\* nursing contact hours.



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