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Important Notice Regarding Continuing Education and Registered Nurses

Pursuant to Section 60-40 of the Nurse Practice Act, registered nurses are required to complete 20 hours of Continuing Education per pre-renewal period. The pre-renewal period is the twenty-four (24) month's preceding the expiration date of the license. This requirement will go into effect for the upcoming 2010 – 2012 pre-renewal cycle. Beginning June 1, 2010, registered nurses must complete 20 hours of CE between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2012. CE taken before June 1, 2010 cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Registered nurses that renew their licenses for the 2010 – 2012 renewal cycle will receive written notice of the CE requirement with their new licenses. Licensees may also consult the resource guide available at the Illinois Center for Nursing website:

<http://nursing.illinois.gov/NursingCE.asp>