



Nurse Practitioner Schedule II Controlled Substance

Education Requirement prior to applying to the DEA for Schedule II Authority

(Legislation enacted 2004-2005)

Nurse Practitioners wishing to furnish Schedule II controlled substances are required to complete a Board of Registered Nursing approved continuing education course or successfully completed the required pharmacological content for Schedule II controlled substances in a board approved nurse practitioner educational program. The Board of Registered Nursing requires a minimum 3-hour approved continuing education course or minimum 3-hour Schedule II pharmacology content in a board approved NP educational program. The Board of Registered Nursing is required to verify each nurse practitioner's completion of the required Schedule II controlled substance continuing education or NP educational program curriculum content.

Each nurse practitioner applying for Schedule II furnishing privileges **must** submit to the Board:

*Written request for Schedule II furnishing privileges that include your name, address, and nurse practitioner furnishing number.

*Photocopy of the continuing education completion certificate and or NP educational program verification of Schedule II curriculum course content. Include the detailed course outline if requested to do so by the BRN.

Please mail to: Board of Registered Nursing
Advanced Practice Unit
1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 150
Sacramento, CA. 95834

The Board of Registered Nursing will process your request for Schedule II furnishing privileges upon receipt of documentation regarding the continuing education course or NP educational program curriculum content Schedule II, including a detailed course outline, and your written request. **The DEA will process all NP applications after accessing the Board's web site to insure that Schedule II privileges have been added to your nurse practitioner furnishing number.**

Assembly Bill 1196, (Montanez) Chapter 748 effective January 1, 2004 amended the Business and Profession Code, Section 2836.1 Furnishing Drugs and Devices to include authority for furnishing or "ordering" Schedule II controlled substances under the California Uniform Controlled Substance Act. The Schedule II controlled substance amended into the Business and Professions Code, Section 2836.1 added specialized educational requirements and additional requirements in the nurse practitioners approved Standardized Procedures for practice.

Schedule III, IV, V controlled substance authority for the furnishing nurse practitioners was granted as a result of SB 816, Chapter 748 effective January 1, 2000. The intent of SB 816, Chapter 748 added “order” and “drug order”. The intent of this legislation was furnishing could now be known as an “order” and could be considered the same as an “order” initiated by the physician. This new law effective January 1, 2000 required the NP who has a furnishing number to obtain a DEA registration number to “order” controlled substances III, IV, V. Furnishing or “ordering” of Schedule III, IV, V controlled substances requires approved Standardized Procedures.

Course Description requirements for Schedule II controlled substances:

1. Focus on Principles of pharmacology that serves as a foundation for the pharmacotherapeutic management of patient whose illness, injury, or condition requires evaluation and treatment using schedule II controlled substances.
2. The pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles of Schedule II medications commonly used in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of health care conditions affecting patients across the life span.
3. Provide a discussion about standardized procedures or protocols requirements for those patient illnesses, diseases, or injuries a patient-specific protocol for Schedule II and III controlled substances.
4. Address the legal requirements for furnishing controlled substances.

Minimum Course Objectives for Schedule II controlled substances:

1. Identify the relationship of the natural history of illness, disease or injury, pathophysiology, and symptomatology to pharmotherapeutic agents commonly used to treat patients with conditions requiring the use of Schedule II medications related to specialty practice.
2. Analyze state laws and federal regulations pertaining to furnishing, dispensing, and administering Controlled Substances Schedule II through V medication by nurse practitioner.
3. Identify components necessary for proper techniques of prescription writing for Schedule II through V consistent with Health and Safety Code and Pharmacy law.
4. Outline the required components of a furnishing standardized procedure or protocol for schedule II and III controlled substance medication in a Patient-Specific Protocol in accord with Business and Professions Code, Section 2836.1. The nurse practitioners’ education, experience, and competence to furnish controlled substances must be included.
5. Describe ethical and legal standards and ramifications of prescribing controlled substances.