



# APPEx

Advanced Practice Provider Executives

## Controlled Substances: Understanding Opioids & Pain

### Course Overview

The controlled substances education course opens with a review the pathophysiology and assessment of acute and chronic pain. Subsequent topics include: the therapeutic management of acute and chronic pain; psychiatric and behavioral conditions requiring the use of scheduled medications; assessment, evaluation, and documentation; legal and ethical responsibilities; and drug misuse, abuse, diversion, and addiction.

Specific learning objectives for each topic can be found [HERE](#).

This course is designed to meet the needs of prescribing medical providers, particularly physician assistants (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs) and physicians (MDs/DOs).

Six (6) CE/CME credits (PAs: Category 1 CME)

Successful completion of this course (attendance, post-test, evaluation):

- Allows PAs to write for controlled substances without patient-specific approval [CA]
  - Satisfies requirements of Business and Professions Code section 3502.1(c)(2), under California Department of Consumer Affairs, PA Board
- Allows NPs to order/prescribe/furnish Schedule II medications [CA]
  - Satisfies requirements of Business and Profession Code, Section 2836.1(g)(3) and meets California Board of Registered Nursing continuing education requirement for controlled substances Schedule II approval for NPs

## Monthly Courses

**Saturdays** (some Fridays, check schedule online)

**9:00AM – 4:00PM PST**

### Course Location

**Virtual (online via Zoom)**

*This program has been reviewed and is approved for a maximum of six (6) hours of AAPA Category 1 CME credit by the Physician Assistant Review Panel.*

*Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing,  
Provider # 16233, for six (6) contact hours*

Register online at: [www.APPexecutives.org/controlled-substances-courses](http://www.APPexecutives.org/controlled-substances-courses)

\*All course purchases and registrations final. No refunds offered.