# RN-Refresher Programs in Colorado – Reference for Home Care Clinical Placements

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| **Overview of Program** | This program is online and clinical only. There is no additional classroom or skills lab. The online program is self paced and can be started at any time after the on-line registration. The time to compete is totally dependent on the student and must be completed within a year. | This program combines the online course with additional practice in a skills lab prior to clinical. There is:  
• 120 Hours of Online Coursework with some instructor guidance  
• 36 Hours Skills Lab | The 10-week course consists of approximately:  
• 116 hours classroom time  
• 32 hours skills lab | This is a traditional face-to-face class. Students complete 120 hours of theory in the classroom and skills laboratory and 120 hours of clinical practicum. |
| **Clinical Requirement** | Total of 80-120 hours required per the Board of Nursing requirement. The skills checklist from the Colorado Board of Nursing must be completed and submitted to the board for their approval. | Total of 120 hours for all RNs. Home Health clinical could be used for all 120 hours if approved by the Board. | Total hours varies from 80 to 120 hours depending on the individual’s licensure requirement  
Home Health hours are supplemental and will follow to acute care/med-surg. A total of 40 hours may be done in Home Care. | Nurses with non-active licenses are required to complete 120 hours in an acute care setting with a preceptor. Nurses with an active license could consider hours in a home care setting. |
| **Frequency Course is Offered** | Open enrollment – Clinical timed with participation in the online course. The clinical portion of the course is planned by the student with the health care facility of their choice. | The RN Refresher course is offered three times per year - Spring, Summer and Fall | RN Refresher program is offered twice a year, in the Spring and the Fall. | Currently offered Spring and Fall. Considering adding a Summer Cohort. Class offered for groups of 10. |

The following items will be provided to the Clinical Agency by the RN PRIOR to the start of clinical:

- ✔ Proof of Current/Lapsed Nursing License
- ✔ Proof of Professional Liability Insurance
- ✔ Proof of Current BLS for Healthcare Providers Card

- ✔ Proof of Current Immunizations
- ✔ Complete and Pass a Background check
- ✔ Complete a Physicians’ Health Assessment