

K.A.R. 100-76-6. Continuing education. (a) As a condition of renewal, each licensed acupuncturist shall submit evidence of satisfactory completion within the preceding one-year period of at least 15 contact hours of continuing education for a licensed acupuncturist, in addition to the annual application for renewal of licensure, except as specified in subsection (b).

(b) An individual initially licensed less than 12 months before the renewal date shall not be required to submit the evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education required by subsection (a) for the first renewal period.

(c) Proof of completion of 15 contact hours of approved continuing education related to the practice of acupuncture, as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-7602 and amendments thereto, may be requested by the board.

(d) A contact hour shall consist of 50 minutes of instruction pertaining to the practice of acupuncture. Meals and breaks shall not be included in the calculation of contact hours.

(e) Each licensed acupuncturist shall maintain evidence of satisfactory completion of all continuing education activities for at least five years. Copies of this documentation may be required by the board at any time. This documentation shall consist of the following:

(1) Documented evidence of any attendance at or successful completion of continuing education activities; and

(2) personal verification of any self-instruction from reading professional literature.

(f) All continuing education activities shall be related to the practice of acupuncture and shall pertain to the following:

(1) Acupuncture clinical skills;

(2) acupuncture techniques;

(3) educational principles when providing service to patients, families, health professionals, health professional students, or the community;

(4) health care and the health care delivery system; and

(5) problem solving, critical thinking, medical recordkeeping, and ethics.

(g) Any applicant for renewal who cannot meet the requirements of subsection (a) may request an extension from the board to submit evidence of continuing education. Each request shall include a plan for completing the continuing education requirements within the requested extension period. An extension of not more than six months may be granted by the board for a substantiated medical condition, natural disaster, death of a spouse or an immediate family member, or any other compelling reason that in the judgment of the board renders the licensee incapable of meeting the requirements of subsection (a).

(h) Continuing education shall be acquired from any of the following:

(1) Offerings approved by the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine (NCCAOM). Any licensed acupuncturist may obtain all contact hours from any continuing education offerings approved by the NCCAOM and its state affiliates, or any other continuing education offerings approved by the board, subject to the limitations specified in paragraphs (h)(2) through (h)(10).

(2) Lecture. "Lecture" shall mean a live discourse for the purpose of instruction given before an audience. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of instruction.

(3) Panel. "Panel" shall mean the presentation of multiple views by several professional individuals on a given subject, with none of the views considered a final solution. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of panel presentation.

(4) Workshop. “Workshop” shall mean a series of meetings designed for intensive study, work, or discussion in a specific field of interest. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of workshop meeting.

(5) Seminar. “Seminar” shall mean directed advanced study or discussion in a specific field of interest. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of seminar.

(6) Symposium. “Symposium” shall mean a conference of more than a single session organized for the purpose of discussing a specific subject from various viewpoints and by various speakers. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of symposium.

(7) In-service training. “In-service training” shall mean an educational presentation given to employees during the course of employment that pertains solely to the enhancement of acupuncture skills in the evaluation, assessment, or treatment of patients. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of in-service training.

(8) Administrative training. “Administrative training” shall mean a presentation that enhances the knowledge of an acupuncturist on the topic of quality assurance, risk management, reimbursement, statutory requirements, or claim procedures. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of administrative training.

(9) Self-instruction.

(A) “Self-instruction” shall mean either of the following:

(i) Reading professional literature directly related to the practice of acupuncture. A maximum of two contact hours shall be awarded for reading professional literature; or

(ii) completion of a home study, correspondence, audio, video, or internet course for which a printed verification of successful completion is provided by the person or organization

offering the course. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of coursework for each completed course. On-line courses labeled as “live course” shall be considered self-instruction.

(B) No more than seven contact hours shall be awarded each year for self-instruction.

(10) Continuing education program presentation. “Continuing education program presentation” shall mean the preparation and presentation of a continuing education program that meets the requirements of this subsection. Three contact hours shall be awarded for each hour spent presenting.

(i) No contact hours shall be awarded for any repeated continuing education activity on the same topic within a 24-month period. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-7615; implementing K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-7609; effective, T-100-9-21-17, Sept. 21, 2017; effective Jan. 12, 2018.)