

**K.A.R. 100-28a-5. Continuing education.** (a) Each physician assistant shall submit with the renewal application one of the following:

(1) Evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 50 continuing education credit hours during the preceding year. At least 20 continuing education credit hours shall be acquired from category I and at least one continuing education credit hour shall be acquired from category III, if 50 continuing education credit hours are submitted with the renewal application;

(2) evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 100 continuing education credit hours during the preceding two-year period. At least 40 continuing education credit hours shall be acquired from category I and at least two continuing education credit hours shall be acquired from category III, if 100 continuing education credit hours are submitted with the renewal application; or

(3) evidence verifying satisfactory completion of continuing education credit hours equivalent, in number and category, to those hours required by paragraph (a)(1) or (2), issued by a national, state, or local organization with continuing education standards that are at least as stringent as the board's standards.

(b) A continuing education credit hour shall be 50 minutes of instruction or its equivalent. Meals and exhibit breaks shall not be included in the calculation of continuing education credit hours.

(c) Any applicant that does not meet the requirements for license renewal in subsection (a) may request an extension from the board. The request shall include a plan for completion of the continuing education requirements within the requested extension period. An extension of up to six months may be granted by the board if documented circumstances make it impossible or

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extremely difficult for the individual to reasonably obtain the required continuing education hours.

(d) Each physician assistant initially licensed within one year of a renewal registration date shall be exempt from the continuing education required by subsection (a) for that first renewal period.

(e) The categories of continuing education credit shall be the following:

(1) Category I: attendance at an educational presentation that is approved by the board;  
~~Courses accepted by the American academy of physician assistants shall be approved by the board; and~~

(2) category II: participating in or attending an educational activity that ~~does not meet the criterion specified in paragraph (e)(1) but that~~ is approved by the board. Category II continuing education may include self-study or group activities; and

(3) category III: participating in or attending an internet or live educational activity that meets the requirements of either a category I or a category II continuing education activity and meets at least one of the following content requirements:

(A) Acute or chronic pain management;

(B) the appropriate prescribing of opioids; or

(C) the use of prescription drug monitoring programs.

(f) Evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education shall be submitted to the board as follows:

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(1) Documented evidence of attendance at or participation in category I, ~~and II,~~ and III activities; ~~and~~ or

(2) verification, on a form provided by the board, of self-study from reading professional literature or other self-study activities. (Authorized by K.S.A. ~~2010 Supp.~~ 65-28a03; implementing K.S.A. 65-28a04; effective, T-100-2-13-01, Feb. 13, 2001; effective June 1, 2001; amended March 30, 2012; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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