

100-76-6. Continuing education. (a) Each licensee shall complete at least 30 contact hours of approved continuing education within the 24 months preceding each renewal date in an even-numbered year, except as specified in subsection (b).

(b) A licensee initially licensed less than 12 months before a renewal date when continuing education is required shall not be required to submit evidence of completion of the continuing education required by subsection (a) for the first renewal period. Each licensee initially licensed more than one year but less than two years before a renewal date when continuing education is required shall complete at least 15 contact hours of approved continuing education within the licensure period.

(c) Each licensee shall maintain evidence of successful completion of all continuing education activities for five years from the date of completion of the activity. Evidence of successful completion of the continuing education activities required by subsections (a) and (b) may be requested by the board.

(d) Upon request by a licensee, an extension of up to six months may be granted by the board if the licensee cannot meet the requirements of subsection (a) or (b) due to a substantiated medical condition, natural disaster, death of a spouse or an immediate family member, or any other similar circumstance that renders the licensee incapable of meeting the requirements of subsection (a) or (b). Each request shall include a plan for completing the required continuing education activities.

(e) A contact hour shall consist of 50 minutes of approved continuing education activities. Meals and breaks shall not be included in the calculation of contact hours.

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

- (1) Clinical skills;
- (2) clinical 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;
- (5) problem solving, critical thinking, medical recordkeeping, and ethics;
- (6) policy;
- (7) biomedical science; or
- (8) research.

(g) Continuing education activities shall consist of the following:

(1) Offerings. "Offerings" shall mean any offerings approved by the NCCAOM, by NCCAOM state affiliates, or by an entity with standards substantially equivalent to the standards of the NCCAOM as determined by the board or any other offerings approved by the board, subject to the limitation specified in paragraph (g)(9)(A).

(2) Lecture. "Lecture" shall mean a live discourse for the purpose of instruction given before an audience.

(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.

(4) Workshop. “Workshop” shall mean a series of meetings designed for intensive study, work, or discussion in a specific field of interest.

(5) Seminar. “Seminar” shall mean directed advanced study or discussion in a specific field of interest.

(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.

(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.

(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.

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

(A) Reading professional literature. A maximum of four contact hours for each continuing education cycle shall be awarded. Each licensee shall maintain a log of all professional literature read as a continuing education activity; or

(B) completion of a correspondence, audio, video, or internet course approved by the NCCAOM, by NCCAOM state affiliates, or by an entity with standards substantially equivalent to the standards of the NCCAOM as determined by the board or any other continuing education offerings approved by the board, for which a printed verification of successful completion is provided by the person or organization offering the course.

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

(h) No contact hours shall be awarded for any continuing education activity that is repeated within a 48-month period. (Authorized by K.S.A. 65-7615; implementing K.S.A. 65-7609; effective, T-100-9-21-17, Sept. 21, 2017; effective Jan. 12, 2018; amended November 13, 2020.)