

K.A.R. 100-69-10. License renewal; continuing education. (a) As a condition of renewal, each licensed athletic trainer shall submit, in addition to the annual application for renewal of licensure, evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 20 hours of continuing education within the preceding year and proof of continuous certification in emergency cardiac care procedures including administration of an automated external defibrillator (AED) through a nationally recognized provider approved by the board. Each course approved by the board of certification for the athletic trainer shall meet this requirement.

(1) Acceptable providers of certification in emergency cardiac care (ECC) procedures shall be those adhering to the most current international guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care.

(2) Online ECC courses shall not be accepted, unless the provider confirms in writing that the skills were demonstrated and tested in person by a qualified instructor.

(3) Instructor certifications shall not be accepted, unless the provider confirms in writing that the instructors are required to maintain and successfully demonstrate provider skills to renew instructor status.

(b) Any licensee who suffered an illness or injury during the 12-month period before the expiration date of the license that made it impossible or extremely difficult to reasonably obtain the required continuing education hours may be granted an extension of not more than six months, in order to complete the continuing education requirements.

(c) Each athletic trainer initially licensed within one year of the expiration date of the license shall be exempt from the continuing education required by subsection (a) for that first renewal period.

(d) All continuing education shall be related to the field of athletic training and shall be presented by providers approved by the board. In order to qualify as board-approved, the continuing education shall be delivered by an approved provider or shall be intended for an audience of credentialed health care providers. The content shall be at least entry-level and shall pertain to one of the current domains of athletic training practice identified by the board. The current domains of athletic training practice identified by the board of certification of athletic trainers shall meet this requirement.

(e) One hour shall be 60 minutes of continuing education meeting the requirements of subsection (f).

(f) The categories of continuing education experiences shall be the following:

(1) Category A. The number of hours for all category A continuing education experiences shall be granted upon receipt of documented evidence of attendance or documented evidence of satisfactory completion issued by a national, state, or local organization meeting the requirements of subsections (a) and (d). Category A continuing education experiences shall include the following:

(A) 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.

(B) Seminar. "Seminar" shall mean directed advanced study or discussion in a specific field of interest.

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

(D) Conference. "Conference" shall mean a formal meeting of a number of people for a discussion in a specific field of interest.

(E) Home study course. "Home study course" shall mean an online webinar course designed for advanced study in a specific field of interest.

(2) Category B. Category B continuing education experiences shall include the following:

(A) Scholarly presentations. The number of hours granted for scholarly presentations shall be the following:

(i) 10 hours for a speaker at a clinical symposium where the primary audience is allied health care professionals; and

(ii) five hours for a speaker at a seminar, workshop, or conference where the primary audience is allied health care professionals.

(B) Publication activities. The number of hours granted for writing a professional publication shall be the following:

(i) Five hours to author an article in a nonrefereed journal;

(ii) 15 hours to author an article in a refereed journal;

(iii) 10 hours to coauthor an article in a refereed journal;

(iv) 20 hours to author a published textbook;

(v) 10 hours to coauthor a published textbook;

(vi) five hours for being a contributing author of a published textbook;

(vii) 10 hours to author a refereed or peer-reviewed poster presentation; and

(viii) five hours to coauthor a poster presentation.

(3) Category C. Category C continuing education experiences shall consist of postcertification education. The number of hours assigned to category C continuing education experiences shall be 10 hours for each credit hour for postcertification education. The content shall be related to one of the domains of athletic training.

(4) Category D. Category D continuing education experiences shall consist of miscellaneous activities, which shall include evidence-based practice. The number of hours granted upon receipt of documented evidence of satisfactory completion for category D continuing education experiences shall be the following:

(A) One hour shall be granted for each hour of attendance at continuing education program activities that are not approved by the board for category A or category B, but that are related to specific athletic training and sports medicine topics.

(B) One hour shall be granted for each hour of listening to unapproved continuing education programs or other multimedia products related to one of the domains of athletic training. No more than five hours per renewal period shall be allowed.

(g) No credit shall be granted for making any repeated presentations of the same subject matter.

(h) No credit shall be granted for reiteration of material or information obtained from attendance at a continuing education program.

(i) To provide evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education, the following shall be submitted to the board:

(1) Documented evidence of attendance at category A and category D activities;

(2) proof of participation in category B activities, which shall include a copy of any professional publication or documentation of any presentation;

(3) receipt and verification of completion of approved self-instruction from home study courses;

(4) a copy of each transcript or grade report for category C activities; and

(5) personal verification of listening to or viewing continuing education program videotapes, audiotapes, or other multimedia products, as described in paragraph (f)(4)(B).

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