

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Each licensed physical therapist and physical therapist assistant must complete at least 20 contact hours of continuing education credit every two years as a condition of licensure renewal. Newly licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants commence their two year cycle on January 1 immediately following the date licensure was granted, and continuing education credits may be accrued during the first partial year in addition to the two full years of licensure. Licensees are asked to attest to completion of continuing education by reporting to the Board at renewal time. Each licensee must retain continuing education documentation in the event they are selected for an audit.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 20 hours of CE every 2 years
- Minimum of 10 hours in Category 1
- All 20 hours may be in Category 1
- Maximum of 10 hours in Category 2
- Maximum of 4 hours in Category 3

A Category 1 course is:

Pre-approved by the MN Board of PT

OR

Planned, sponsored, or co-sponsored by:

- Accredited university or college, medical school
- State or national medical or osteopathic association
- National medical specialty society
- APTA or state/national PT association
- National/state health organization (examples: Arthritis Foundation, American Heart Assoc.)

AND

Meets Credit Standards of MR 5601.2500

5601.2500 CREDIT STANDARDS

A. The educational activities must have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with matters directly related to the practice of physical therapy or to the professional responsibility or ethical obligations of the participants.

B. Each person making a presentation shall be qualified by practical or academic experience to teach the subject the person covers.

C. Participants shall attend educational activities in a classroom or other setting suitable for the activity. Video, motion picture, or sound presentations may be used.

D. One hour of credit shall be given for each 60 minutes actually spent on educational activities.

E. Credit shall not be given for entertainment or recreational activities or programs, employment orientation sessions, holding an office or serving as an organizational delegate, individual self-directed study programs, management seminars not directly concerning physical therapy operations, meetings for the purpose of making policy, or noneducational association meetings.

AND

MR 5601.0100 Subp. 9

Contact hour. "Contact hour" means an instructional session of 60 minutes, excluding coffee breaks, registration, meals with a speaker or without a speaker, and other social activities.

A Category 2 course:

Meets the Credit Standards of MR 5601.2500 and 5601.0100 Subp. 9

5601.2500 CREDIT STANDARDS.

The board shall grant continuing education credit for any educational activity that meets the standards in items A to E.

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B. Each person making a presentation shall be qualified by practical or academic experience to teach the subject the person covers.

C. Participants shall attend educational activities in a classroom or other setting suitable for the activity. Video, motion picture, or sound presentations may be used.

D. One hour of credit shall be given for each 60 minutes actually spent on educational activities.

E. Credit shall not be given for entertainment or recreational activities or programs, employment orientation sessions, holding an office or serving as an organizational delegate, individual self-directed study programs, management seminars not directly concerning physical therapy operations, meetings for the purpose of making policy, or noneducational association meetings.

MR 5601.0100 Subp. 9

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However the Category 2 CE course or inservice was not reviewed/approved by the Board of Physical Therapy, and was not planned, sponsored, or cosponsored by any of the groups designated in MN Rule 5601.2400.

Category 3 credit:

Is obtained through teaching, lecturing, or similar presentation programs by the licensed physical therapist

AND

Meets the Credit Standards of MR 5601.2500 and MR 5601.0100 Subp. 9

5601.2500 CREDIT STANDARDS.

The board shall grant continuing education credit for any educational activity that meets the standards in items A to E.

A. The educational activities must have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with matters directly related to the practice of physical therapy or to the professional responsibility or ethical obligations of the participants.

B. Each person making a presentation shall be qualified by practical or academic experience to teach the subject the person covers.

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