

Oklahoma Respiratory Care Practitioners



Requirements for Continuing Education

435:45-5-1. Continuing education.

(a) The purpose of continuing education is to aid in the advancement of respiratory care. Continuing education experiences including, but not limited to, lectures, seminars, institutes, seminars, home study, Intern Respiratory Care Practitioners for licensure renewal, enhance the knowledge of the Respiratory Care Practitioner. Continuing education does not include basic education for RCP.

(b) All program objectives, curricular content, pre-subject review, contact hours will be determined by participant involvement.

(c) Respiratory Care Practitioner licenses shall be renewed every two years on or before the last day of the month in which initial licensure was granted. The application and fee for renewal of the license shall be postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office on or before the required date.

(d) Regardless of the source, continuing education related areas of healthcare. The Board may consult with the Committee to resolve questions as to appropriate continuing education hours. The Board shall be the final authority on acceptance of any educational activity requirement submitted by a licensee to meet the continuing education requirements.

(e) Licensees shall be responsible for submitting documentation of their continuing education renewal.

(f) Respiratory Care Practitioners must accrue twelve (12) CRCE (Continuing Respiratory Care Education) credits in each successive two-year period of practice in the state of Oklahoma. At least half of the continuing education hours must be directly related to clinical practice. Unless otherwise specified, one clock hour of direct instruction/training class time is equivalent to one continuing education unit.

(g) The Board shall accept American Medical Association (AMA) credits. Other acceptable continuing education credits include all programs approved by, or where applicable the affiliates of, the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC); the American Thoracic Society (ATS); the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP); the American Society of Anesthesiology (ASA); the American Lung Association (ALA); the American Heart Association (AHA); the American College of Cardiology (ACC); the American Nursing Association (ANA), American Red Cross and the American Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

(h) Other agencies and professional organizations may be considered and approved for eligible continuing education credits upon review by the Chairman of the Committee with final approval by the Secretary of the Board. Those wishing to sponsor a program/meeting/class and receive approval for awarding CRCE credits must contact the Board and receive approval in advance.

maintaining competency in the advancing of respiratory care. Continuing education is a variety of forms of learning experiences, conferences, academic studies, in-services, courses, and workshop taken by the licensee.

1. These learning experiences are meant to aid the licensee in indirect and indirect patient care. Continuing education is not training needed to become a licensed RCP.

Continuing education shall be based on program content, outcomes, and participant involvement.

Continuing education shall be renewed every two years on or before the last day of the month in which initial licensure was granted. The application and fee for renewal of the license shall be postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office on or before the required date.

Continuing education hours must be in clinical respiratory care or related areas of healthcare. The Board may consult with the Committee to resolve questions as to appropriate continuing education hours. The Board shall be the final authority on acceptance of any educational activity requirement submitted by a licensee to meet the continuing education requirements.

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The Board shall accept American Medical Association (AMA) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) credits. Other acceptable continuing education credits include all programs approved by, or where applicable the affiliates of, the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC); the American Thoracic Society (ATS); the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP); the American Society of Anesthesiology (ASA); the American Lung Association (ALA); the American Heart Association (AHA); the American College of Cardiology (ACC); the American Nursing Association (ANA), American Red Cross and the American Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

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To apply towards satisfaction of the continuing education requirements, the following shall be submitted:

(1) The request shall be submitted in writing to the Board office at least thirty (30) days prior to the program. The Board shall give written notification of the approval or disapproval of the educational program or seminar.

(2) A request to be an eligible continuing education seminar or courses shall include:

(A) Name of the seminar or course;

(B) Sponsoring party;

(C) Objective of the seminar or format and subjects of seminar or course;

(D) Number of hours resulting in CRCEs;

(E) Method for certification of attendance;

(F) Name and qualifications of the faculty; and

(G) Evaluation mechanism.

(i) RCPs who submit proof of successful completion of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) entry or the advanced practitioner credentialing examination may be granted continuing education credit as awarded by the American Association for Respiratory Care.

(j) Credits may be awarded for completion of continuing education processes in accordance with the following guidelines:

(1) Direct conference/lecture/classroom attendance - 1.0 CRCE per hour.

(2) Teleconference (audio only) - 0.5 CRCE per hour.

(3) Teleconference (audio with handouts or slides) - 1.0 CRCE per hour.

(4) Video conference (live video) - 1.0 CRCE per hour.

(5) Videotape instruction/programs - 0.2 CRCE per hour.

(6) Correspondence journal/workbooks with test - 0.2 CRCE per subject.

(7) Interactive video instruction (computer) with test - 1.0 CRCE per subject.

(8) NBRC credentialing examination (passing) - 6.0 CRCE per biennium.

(9) Resuscitation and life support courses - limit one of the following courses per compliance period:

(A) Advanced Cardiac Life Support - 6 CRCE;

(B) Neonatal Resuscitation Program - 6 CRCE;

(C) Pediatric Advanced Life Support - 6 CRCE;

(D) Advanced Trauma Life Support - 6 CRCE;

(E) Basic Life Support - 6 for initial certification; 3 for recertification.

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