

K.A.R. 100-15-4. Continuing education standards; definitions. (a) “Continuing education” shall mean an activity designed to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance of persons licensed to practice a branch of the healing arts. Each continuing education activity shall have significant intellectual or practical content, shall be relevant to the branch of the healing arts for which the practitioner is licensed, and shall meet at least one of the following content requirements:

- (1) Have a direct bearing on patient care;
- (2) have a direct bearing on the person's ability to deliver patient care; or
- (3) relate to the teaching, ethical, legal, or social responsibilities of a person licensed to practice the healing arts.

(b) “Category I” continuing education shall mean a continuing education activity that meets the requirements of subsection (a) and is presented by a person qualified by practical or academic experience, using any of the following methods:

- (1) Lecture, which shall mean a discourse given before an audience for instruction;
- (2) panel discussion, which shall mean the presentation of a number of views by several professional individuals on a given subject, with none of the views considered a final solution;
- (3) workshop, which shall mean a series of meetings designed for intensive study, work, or discussion in a specific field of interest;
- (4) seminar, which shall mean a directed advanced study or discussion in a specific field of interest;

(5) symposium, which 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;
or

(6) any other structured, interactive, and formal learning method that the board deems to meet the requirements of subsection (a).

(c) “Category II” continuing education shall mean attendance at a lecture, panel discussion, workshop, seminar, symposium, college course, professional publication, in-service training, or professional activity that the board determines does not meet the requirements of category I, but that is in a health-related field indirectly related to healing arts skill and knowledge. Category II continuing education shall include the following:

(1) Clinical consultations with other healing arts practitioners that contribute to a practitioner's education;

(2) participation in activities to review the quality of patient care;

(3) instructing healing arts and other health care practitioners;

(4) patient-centered discussions with other health care practitioners;

(5) participating in journal clubs;

(6) using searchable electronic databases in connection with patient care activities; and

(7) using self-instructional materials.

(d) “Category III” continuing education shall mean an internet or live continuing education activity that also meets the requirements of either a category I or category II continuing education activity and meets at least one of the following content requirements:

- (1) Acute or chronic pain management;
- (2) the appropriate prescribing of opioids; or
- (3) the use of prescription drug monitoring programs.

(e) Credit for continuing education activities shall be awarded on the basis of one credit for each 50 minutes actually spent in attendance at a continuing education activity.

(f) Each instructor of a healing arts continuing education activity shall be awarded category I continuing education credit at the rate of one credit for each three hours of the instructor's first-time preparation of the presentation of a category I continuing education activity.

(g) For successful completion of a postbaccalaureate program awarding a degree in an area related to the healing arts, 25 credits of category I continuing education shall be awarded. A copy of the transcript shall be maintained as proof of successful completion of the program.

(h) For successful completion of one year of postgraduate training, 50 credits of category I continuing education credit shall be awarded.

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