

260 CMR: BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

260 CMR 7.00: CONTINUING EDUCATION

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7.01: Scope and Purpose

The purpose of continuing education is to assure high standards of practice of Speech-language Pathologists and Audiologists by requiring licensees to participate in on-going educational activities. Through these experiences, licensees may increase their competence and enhance the knowledge obtained during prior education and training as a Speech-language Pathologist and Audiologist.

7.02: Continuing Education Requirements

(1) General Requirements.

(a) Persons holding a license for more than one year before the last day of the license renewal period.

1. Licensees holding a license as either a Speech-language Pathologist or Audiologist are required, as a condition of license renewal, to complete a minimum of the equivalent of 20 Continuing Education Hours per licensure renewal period (every two years). A minimum of ten of the total 20 Continuing Education Hours must be completed in the licensee's area of licensure.

2. Licensees holding licenses as both a Speech-language Pathologist and Audiologist are required, as a condition of license renewal, to complete a minimum of 30 Continuing Education Hours per licensure renewal period (every two years). A minimum of ten of the total 30 Continuing Education Hours must be completed in the licensee's major area of clinical service delivery and a minimum of five of the Continuing Education Hours must be in the licensee's minor area of clinical service delivery.

(b) Persons holding initial licensure six months to one year before the last day of the license renewal period are required to complete a minimum of ten Continuing Education Hours (a minimum of four Continuing Education Hours in the area of licensure) before the date of renewal.

(c) Persons holding initial licensure for six months or less before the last day of the license renewal period are not required to complete any Continuing Education Hours for that renewal period.

(2) Restrictions on Certain Programs.

(a) Continuing Education Publications.

1. Continuing Education Publications authored by the licensee may be substituted for up to 20 Continuing Education Hours per licensure renewal period.

2. Sole authors may earn up to 20 Continuing Education Hours per licensure renewal period, and multiple authors may each receive ten Continuing Education Hours per licensure renewal period for each publication.

(b) Continuing Education Instruction.

1. Instructors of a Continuing Education Program or a Continuing Education Academic Course may be credited one Continuing Education Hour for each hour of the Continuing Education Program Continuing Education Academic Course taught by the licensee, up to a maximum of ten Continuing Education Hours required per licensure renewal period.

2. Only the initial offering of a Continuing Education Program or a Continuing Education Academic Course may be credited as a Continuing Education Activity.

(c) Continuing Education Academic Course. A Continuing Education Academic Course may be substituted for not more than ten Continuing Education Hours per license renewal period.

(d) For each licensee, the licensee shall only obtain credit for those Continuing Education Activities that are non-duplicative.

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(3) Only those Continuing Education Activities which are completed during the two year period prior to each renewal date will qualify as a Continuing Education Activity.

7.03: Evaluation and Verification of Continuing Education Hours and Programs

(1) At the time of renewal, each licensee will be required to attest to his or her completion of the required hours of Continuing Education Hours on a form provided by the Board.

(2) The Board may randomly audit licensees as to satisfaction of the continuing requirements of 260 CMR 7.00.

(3) The Board may request the verification described in 260 CMR 7.03(4) through (6) for the two most recently preceding license renewal periods.

(4) Continuing Education Program. For each Continuing Education Hour earned by participation in formal learning programs, a licensee must be able to provide verification of the following:

- (a) the title of the program;
- (b) the number of hours spent in the program;
- (c) the name of the entity or entities that sponsored and approved the program; and
- (d) the date the licensee completed the program.

(5) Continuing Education Publications. For each Continuing Education Hour earned from the publication of books, chapters of books, and/or articles in reference journals, a licensee must be able to provide verification of the following information:

- (a) the title of the book, chapter or article and, in the case of a chapter or article, the title of the book or name of the journal in which it appears;
- (b) the date of publication;
- (c) the names of any co-authors; and
- (d) a copy of the book, chapter or article submitted in fulfillment of the Continuing Education Activity requirements.

(6) Continuing Education Instruction. For each Continuing Education Hour earned from the teaching of a Continuing Education Program or Continuing Education Academic Course, the licensee must be able to verify the following information:

- (a) the title of the course;
- (b) date(s) the course was presented;
- (c) the name of the institutions or entities that sponsored and approved the program; and
- (d) number of hours the licensee spent teaching.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

261 CMR 7.00: M.G.L. c. 23, §§ 86 and 87 and c. 112, § 139.