

F. Continuing Education.

(1) A licensee applying for renewal shall complete 40 hours of relevant continuing education during the 2-year period preceding the expiration of the license which include the following:

(a) At least 25 hours in formally organized programs which are relevant to the practice of acupuncture and are approved by the Board or sponsored by, but not limited to, the following organizations and their member organizations:

- (i) The American Academy of Medical Acupuncturists;
- (ii) The American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AAAOM);
- (iii) The Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM);
- (iv) The Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM);
- (v) The National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM);
- (vi) The National Academy of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NAAOM);
- (vii) The Society for Acupuncture Research;
- (viii) Center for Oriental Medical Research and Education (COMRE);
- (ix) The National Acupuncture Detoxification Association; or
- (x) The National Acupuncture Teachers Association.

(b) Not more than 15 hours of formally organized training programs in Western science and medical practices, medical ethics, medical research, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation which are relevant to the practice of acupuncture and are sponsored by, but not limited to, organizations listed in §F(1)(a) of this regulation and the following organizations:

- (i) World Health Organization (WHO);
- (ii) National Institutes of Health (NIH);
- (iii) The National Institutes of Health Office of Alternative Medicine (NIHOAM);
- (iv) American Medical Association (AMA);
- (v) American Nurses Association (ANA);
- (vi) American Psychiatric Association (APA);
- (vii) American Hospital Association (AHA);
- (viii) American Lung Association (ALA);

(ix) Red Cross;

(x) Local colleges; or

(xi) Local hospitals;

(c) Not more than 15 hours of training in accredited programs which will assist a licensee to carry out the licensee's professional responsibilities, including, but not limited to:

(i) Management courses for a school administrator;

(ii) Foreign language training for translators of relevant texts;

(iii) Educational methodology for teachers of acupuncture;

(d) Not more than 15 hours teaching acupuncture and related oriental medical therapies in an accredited school or in a program approved for acupuncture continuing education; or

(e) Not more than 10 hours of pro bono work as outlined in §F(3) of this regulation.

(2) Part of the 40 hours of relevant continuing education referenced in §F(1) of this regulation, shall consist of at least 3 hours in ethics or professional boundary training every 4 years.

(3) Pro Bono Work.

(a) Pro bono work shall earn 1 credit hour for each 3 hours of pro bono activity up to a maximum of 10 credit hours per renewal cycle.

(b) Upon completion of the pro bono work, the licensee shall obtain from the facility written documentation of completion of pro bono hours including:

(i) The name of the facility;

(ii) The address where the pro bono work was provided;

(iii) The type of work that was done;

(iv) The number of hours of actual work provided for which the licensee desires credit hours; and

(v) A statement guaranteeing that the work provided no financial benefit to licensee.

(4) A licensee applying for reinstatement shall document evidence of 20 hours of approved continuing education for every year the individual has not been licensed by the Board as defined in §F of this regulation.

(5) Licensees shall maintain the documentation of their continuing education credits for 4 years.

(6) If requested by the Board, a licensee shall provide proof of continuing education attendance by providing documentation of:

- (a) Name of the program;
- (b) Date of the program;
- (c) Number of continuing education hours earned; and
- (d) Name of the sponsoring organization.