

**OBCE Adopted November 20, 2008, Effective Date January 1, 2009.**

**Continuing Chiropractic Education**

**811-015-0025** (1) The purpose of continuing chiropractic education (CE) licensure credit is to assist in assuring the competence and skills of Oregon Chiropractic physicians, and to help assure the Oregon public of the continued competence of these physicians within the statutory scope of practice.

(2) In order to renew an active license, each licensee shall submit a signed affidavit on a form provided by the OBCE attesting to successful completion of 20 or more hours of chiropractic continuing education course or activity hours completed during the preceding licensure period. Each licensee shall maintain records as required in section (10) to support the hours reported in the signed affidavit.

(3) Courses or activities determined by licensees to meet the criteria of sections (8) and (9) are presumed to be approved until or unless specifically disapproved by the OBCE. Licensees will be informed of any disapproved courses in a timely manner. The Board will not retroactively disapprove course credits. The Board will maintain a list of disapproved courses available for review by licensees.

(4) The Board may require specific courses as part of a chiropractic physician's annual relicensure hours for **an upcoming licensure period**. ~~Except as provided in sections (5), (6) and (7), the Board shall determine which courses shall be required by May of the year prior to the relicensure year in which the course will be required.~~

(5) Any Chiropractic physician who is also licensed as a naturopath, osteopath, medical doctor, nurse or nurse practitioner is exempt from the over-the-counter non-prescriptive substances requirements of sections (6) and (7).

(6) Any Chiropractic physician holding an initial license is exempt from continuing education for the first year of licensure, except for four (4) hours relating to over-the-counter non-prescriptive substances and any specific courses required by the Board.

(7) Anyone changing license status from inactive to active or senior active license shall take four (4) hours of the required hours relating to over-the-counter non-prescriptive substances prior to changing license status and any specific courses required by the Board.

(8) Approved continuing chiropractic education shall be obtained from courses or activities which meet the following criteria:

(a) They do not misrepresent or mislead;

(b) They are presented by a Chiropractic physician, licensed here or in another state, other appropriate health care provider, or other qualified person;

(c) They exclude practice-building subjects and the principle purpose of the program may not be to sell or promote a commercial product. However the mere mention of practice building concepts shall not disqualify a program's eligibility for CE credit.

(d) The material covered shall pertain to the practice of chiropractic in Oregon or be related to the doctor's practice;

(e) Continuing education hours for Board activities must assist in assuring the competence and skills of the chiropractic physician, and

(f) Shall be quality courses or activities adequately supported by evidence or rationale as determined by the Board.

(9) The Board may accept credit hours from courses, seminars or other activities. Completion of other activities is chiropractic continuing education defined as follows:

(a) Continuing Medical Education(CME);

(b) video or audio taped Continuing Education courses or seminars;

(c) long distance learning courses;

(d) being an original author of an article, published in a peer reviewed journal, given in the year of publication;

(e) participation in a formal protocol writing process associated with an accredited health care institution or state or government health care agency;

- (f) participation on an OBCE committee and assisting with a National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) examination or NBCE test writing committee;
- (g) participation in a research project, approved by the Board, related to chiropractic health care directed by an educational institution or other qualified chiropractic organization;
- (h) teaching courses at an accredited health care institution;
- (i) teaching chiropractic continuing education courses;
- (j) CPR courses; and
- (k) instruction related to OAR 811-015-0030, minor surgery/proctology rotation;
- (l) and any other course or activity specifically authorized by the OBCE.

(10) All licensees are required to keep full, accurate and complete records:

(a) A verification of attendance for all CE courses or activities showing hours claimed for relicensure credit, and or proof of completion signed by the sponsor and licensee.

(b) Video taped or audio taped courses shall be supported through record keeping with a letter, memo or on a form provided by the Board, that includes the dates and times, vendor's or presenter's name/s, total hours claimed for each course, location, and includes the following statement, "I swear or affirm that I viewed or listened to these continuing education courses in their entirety on the dates and times specified in this report."

(c) A copy of a published article including the date of publication;

(d) A written record of hours in clinical protocol development and research projects. The record shall include the names and addresses of the institutions involved, name of supervisors, and their signatures verifying hours.

(e) For licensees claiming CE hours under the provisions of (9) (h), a record of employment by health care institutions, signed by their supervisor, a copy of the course syllabus if applicable, and verification of hours.

(f) For licensees claiming CE hours under the provisions of (9) (i), licensee shall obtain and keep verification of the course taught including, the dates of the course, a syllabus and the sponsoring organization.

(g) For licensees claiming CE hours under the provisions of (9)(f), for participation on an OBCE committee and assisting with a National Board of Chiropractic Examiners; (NBCE) examination or NBCE test writing committee, certification from the OBCE or NBCE.

(h) For licensees claiming CE hours under the provisions of (9)(k), a record of the dates, topics/procedures, and hours.

(11) ~~Each year~~ **At each renewal** the OBCE will generate a random computer list of **a minimum of 10% or up to 100% of renewing** licensees, who will then have their CE records reviewed to ensure compliance with this rule. Licensees shall respond to this request within 30 days by supplying the OBCE with verification of their CE courses or activities as provided in section 10.

(12) Any licensee who has submitted inadequate, insufficient, or deficient CE records or who otherwise appears to be in noncompliance with the requirements of this rule will be given written notice by the OBCE and will have 30 days from the date of notice to submit additional documentation, information or written explanation to the OBCE establishing the licensee's compliance with this rule.

(13) At its discretion, the Board may audit by attendance the content of any program in order to verify the content thereof. Denial of an audit is grounds for disapproval.

(14) Any chiropractic physician seeking a hardship waiver from their continuing education requirements shall apply to the Board, in writing, as soon as possible after the hardship is identified and prior to the close of licensure for that year. Specific details of the hardship must be included. The Board must make a finding that a hardship exists.

(15) The Board shall maintain and make available through its WEB page and mailings to licensees a list of disapproved courses, if any. The Board may disapprove a course or CE activity after giving the sponsor and/or licensees the opportunity to provide additional information of compliance with the criteria contained in this rule, and opportunity for contested case hearing under the provisions of ORS 183.341 if requested. Any CE sponsor or licensee may request the Board to review any previously disapproved course at any time.

~~(16) This rule is effective beginning the 2002-2003 licensure year.~~