

Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners
PAIN MANAGEMENT Continuing Education

This is a one-time requirement.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are psychologists required to take Pain Management continuing education?

The Oregon State Legislature created Oregon's Pain Management Program in 1999 to raise awareness about pain management issues among healthcare providers, policy makers and the general public, and to improve access to resources.

How many hours do I need?

You need seven hours of pain management-related CE. One hour must be the course provided by the Oregon Pain Management Commission at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain/index.shtml>. The remaining six hours can be your choice of pain management topics.

Will the Pain Management CE be added to the currently required fifty hours?

No, Pain Management CE is included in the 50 hour total.

When do I need to have my hours completed?

- If your renewal date was December 2007 you have from January 2004 to December 2009 to obtain and report pain management CE's.
- If you are a *new* licensee you have twenty-four months after your first renewal to obtain and report pain management CE's.

What if I have taken Pain Management CE in the past? Will it qualify?

You can count any pain management CE completed after January 1, 2004.

How do I know if a particular Pain Management course will meet the CE requirement?

You must be able to reasonably relate the curriculum to your practice, and the course must be presented by a qualified professional with expertise in the field.

What proof of Pain Management CE do I need to show the Board?

As with any other CE, you will attest to having completed the seven hours of pain management CE on your biennial renewal form. CE compliance is verified by random audit. If you are contacted for an audit, you will need to provide proof that you have received 50 hours of CE, including pain management CE.

Where can I find Pain Management CE courses?

Pain management CE courses are occasionally offered by health-related businesses such as hospitals, as well as professional organizations such as the Oregon Psychological Association. You can also go to <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain/index.shtml> to find more Pain Management CE courses.