

**DIVISION 40  
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**850-040-0210**

**Continuing Education**

- (1) Continuing education (CE) is required as part of the naturopathic physician's license renewal per OAR 850-030-0195. The purpose of CE is to offer education that promotes competency and skills necessary to assure the citizens of Oregon the highest standard of naturopathic medical care.
- (2) CE required for an active license is as follows:
  - (a) For the annual renewal period beginning on January 1, 2010, at least 35 hours of CE, with at least 10 of these hours in pharmacology.
  - (b) For the annual renewal period beginning on January 1, 2011, at least 40 hours of CE, with at least 10 of these hours in pharmacology.
  - (c) For the annual renewal period beginning on January 1, 2012, at least 45 hours of CE, with at least 10 of these hours in pharmacology.
  - (d) Effective January 1, 2013, at least 50 hours of CE every year, with at least 10 of these hours in pharmacology.
- (3) Each licensee holding an inactive license must obtain at least 10 hours of CE every year.
- (4) A natural childbirth certificate requires 15 hours in obstetrics each year per OAR 850-035-0230, which may be included as part of the annual CE requirement.
- (5) New licensees are not required to obtain CE in the initial year of licensure.
- (6) Effective January 1, 2010, licensees with an active license must obtain at least two hours of medical ethics education every year, which may be included as part of the annual CE requirement.
- (7) Each Licensee must obtain the one-time mandatory pain management education as required by ORS 409.500 through 409.570, within 24 months of initial license renewal.
- (8) CE obtained in December not used in the year the hours were obtained, may be used in the following year for CE credit.
- (9) CE credit will be rounded to the nearest quarter hour.
- (10) Licensees holding an active license must obtain at least 10 hours of Board approved CE annually in pharmacology. These hours may be part of the CE required for renewal. The following are examples of previously approved pharmacy programs:
  - (a) Substances listed in OAR 850-060-0225 and their application in patient care;
  - (b) Biopharmacology;
  - (c) Non-formulary substances or drugs relevant to patient care;
  - (d) Drug-drug, drug-herb, drug-nutrient interactions or contraindications;
  - (e) Research of formulary substances and drugs in conjunction with naturopathic medical care.
- (11) Any licensee using intramuscular (IM) or subcutaneous (SC) or intravenous (IV) therapeutic injection of vitamins or minerals, or preventive injections (IM, SC, or IV) must have qualifying education per OAR 850-060-0212.
- (12) To be considered for approval, programs of continuing education for licensees must:
  - (a) Be presented by naturopathic physicians, other physicians or other professionally acknowledged health care educators with expertise in the subject matter;
  - (b) Foster the competency and skills of the naturopathic physician;
  - (c) Consist of education covering review, new, experimental, research or specialty subjects relevant to the practice of naturopathic medicine;
  - (d) Exclude the selling or promotion of proprietary products or practice building;
  - (e) Not misrepresent or mislead the end result/skill to be gained by the education or training offered.
- (13) Licensees may receive credit for the qualifying education. Licensees are encouraged to request pre-approval for any program not clearly meeting the criteria in this rule. Continuing education may be approved based on the following criteria:

- (a) Continuing Medical Education (CME) provided by recognized professional health care licensing agencies, hospitals, or institutions; programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME); the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE); or programs approved by the Board. A verification of attendance for all CE courses or activities showing hours claimed or proof of completion must be signed by the program provider;
  - (b) Video or audio taped CE courses or seminars: Verification of video or audio taped credit for previously Board approved presentations must include an original outline of the presentation as well as the name and date of the presentation and the date of review, length of taped course or seminar and sponsor information;
  - (c) Literature Review: credit for literature review is determined by the length of the article(s) and the complexity of the topic(s). Articles must be from peer-reviewed publications. Verification must include concise information including an original outline of the literature reviewed;
  - (d) Internet education: Internet education is accepted for credit in accordance with the standards of the ACCME or ACPE including verification of completion;
  - (e) Authoring: Credit may be given for being an author of an article related to naturopathic medicine in a professional publication or book. Credit is determined by the length of the article and the complexity of its content. Credit for such activities will be credited in the year the project is completed. Verification must include a copy of the article or book;
  - (f) CPR: CPR courses in the year taken, with proof of current certification;
  - (g) Preceptorship: Preceptorship credit must be offered by qualifying persons per (12)(a) of this rule. Verification of preceptor hours must include the date and place, an outline of the information studied, and a signed acknowledgement from the preceptor;
  - (h) Protocol Writing: Credit may be given for participation in a formal protocol writing process associated with an accredited health care institution or government health care agency. Verification must include a written record of hours of development and research, the names and addresses of the institutions involved, the name of supervisors and their signatures verifying qualified hours;
  - (i) Research: Credit may be given for participation in research related to the advancement of naturopathic medicine and should be directed by a Board recognized educational or medical institution or organization, or self-directed. Verification must include the type of research being conducted, purpose and summary of research, dates of participation and disclosure of any fiduciary relationships;
  - (j) Teaching/ Presentation: Credit may be given for actual presentation hours for an initial course or initial seminar offering and up to three hours for preparation for each hour of the presentation, when subject is specific to professional level health education;
  - (k) Graduate Level Education: Credit may be given for participation in an accredited graduate level health related program relevant to the practice of naturopathic medicine;
  - (l) Participation in the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examinations (NPLEX) committee for the development and writing of the NPLEX examinations;
  - (m) Activities specific to patient charting and record keeping;
  - (n) Credit may be given for programs on cultural competency relevant to the current practice of naturopathic medicine;
  - (o) Other courses or activities specifically authorized by the Board.
- (14) Exception to the CE requirements in OAR 850-040-0210 is allowed for:
- (a) A full-time residency, which is CNME or Board approved, requiring at least 6 months of participation in the calendar year;
  - (b) A fellowship with a Board recognized professional organization, requiring at least six months of active participation in the calendar year.
- (15) Credit will not be given for hours received for:
- (a) Teaching, except as permitted in OAR 850-040-0210(13)(j);
  - (b) Community service seminars and activities;
  - (c) Self-growth/self-help activities;
  - (d) Practice building activities;

- (e) Medical/insurance billing presentations;
- (f) Nonprofessional level health related programs presented by a lay person;
- (g) Nonprofessional level health related programs presented to the lay public;
- (h) Proprietary programs, which promote exclusive services and/or products;
- (i) Information not within or directly related to the scope of practice of naturopathic medicine.

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