

DIVISION 20
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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Definitions

- (1) "Board: means the Board of Licensed Dietitians.
- (2) "CDR" means the Commission on Dietetic Registration.
- (3) "CEU" means a continuing education unit and the numerical value determined by the board to be earned by a renewal applicant by attending a specified training course. The terms "continuing education credit" and "continuing education unit" are synonymous and may be used interchangeably.
- (4) "Continuing Education (CE)" means post-licensure education in maintaining and improving knowledge and skills in dietetics practice as defined in ORS 691.405(1) **and education in cultural competency required under House Bill 2011 (2019).**
- (5) "Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)" means an evidence-based application of the Nutrition Care Process focused on prevention, delay or management of diseases and conditions, and involves an in-depth assessment, periodic re-assessment and intervention.
- (6) "Nutrition Care Process (NCP)" means a systematic problem-solving method that dietitians use to critically think and make decisions when providing medical nutrition therapy or to address nutrition related problems and provide safe, effective, high quality nutrition care.
- (7) "Office" means the Health Licensing Office.
- (8) "Official Transcript" means an original document that has been certified by an accredited college or university and indicates hours and types of course work, examinations and scores that the student has completed. It must be submitted by a college or university by mail or courier to the Office in a sealed envelope on behalf of the applicant.
- (9) "OHA" means the Oregon Health Authority.

DIVISION 50

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED DIETITIANS

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Continuing Education Requirements

(1) To maintain licensure, dietitians must complete a minimum of 15 CE credits every licensure year. For the purposes of this rule and OAR 834-050-0010, the licensure year begins on the day of the month that the licensee was originally licensed and extends for the following 364 days.

(2) CE credits obtained in excess of those required for the current licensure year reporting period may **not** be carried forward. ~~for up to four licensure years. However, no more than 60 annual excess CE credits may be carried forward.~~

(3) Excess CE credits may not be used to reinstate an expired license.

(4) Each licensee shall document compliance with the CE requirement through attestation on the license renewal application. Licensees are subject to provisions of OAR 834-050-0010 pertaining to periodic audit of CE.

(5) Upon CE credit audit, the licensee must provide documentation supporting all credits claimed and all excess credits carried forward.

(6) Except for the continuing education units required under section (7), CE units must address subject matter related to dietetics practice in accordance with ORS 691.405(1) and OAR 834-020-0000(4).

(7) Notwithstanding any other CE requirements, in order to be eligible to renew a license, an authorization holder must obtain 1 unit of CE in cultural competency (CCCE) every other time the authorization is subject to renewal. The requirement of this paragraph is effective on and after July 1, 2021. The CCCE must be either:

(a) Approved by the Oregon Health Authority; or

(b) Meet the skills requirements established by the Oregon Health Authority by rule.

(8) The Board encourages completion of required CCCE from the approved list promulgated by the Oregon Health Authority, available on the Board's website. The Board shall also accept CCCE that is not obtained from the Oregon Health Authority's approved list, to the extent the Board determines the CCCE meets the skills requirements established by the Oregon Health authority in rules that are effective at the time the CCCE is obtained. The Board shall maintain a current list of cultural competency skills recognized in rule by the Oregon Health Authority.

(9) Section (7) does not apply to authorization holders who are:

(a) Retired and not practicing the profession in any state;

(b) Not practicing the profession in this state; or

(c) Residing in this state, but not practicing in the profession in any state.

(10) CE credits will be awarded based on the following criteria:

(a) Completion and passing of academic courses taken from an accredited college or university are awarded 15 CE credits for each semester-based credit earned, 14 CE credits for each trimester-based credit earned or 10 CE credits for each quarter-based credit earned;

(b) Completion of professional courses which meet academic course requirements in content, instruction and evaluation will be assigned 15 CE credits for each semester-based credit earned, 14 CE credits for each trimester-based credit earned or 10 CE credits for each quarter-based credit earned;

(c) Courses that do not meet standards as set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, such as workshops, symposiums, seminars, laboratory exercises, or any applied experience with or without formal classroom work may be assigned credit at the rate of 1.0 CE credit for each hour of attendance.

(11) Documentation supporting compliance with CE requirements must be maintained for a period of two licensure years following renewal and be available to the Office upon request.