

1 21 NCAC 25 .0501(e) is proposed for adoption as a Temporary Rule due to the COVID-19 Threat to Public Health:

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3 **21 NCAC 25 .0501 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) A licensee shall earn at least two continuing education units ("CEUs") each licensure year. At least 1.0 of those
5 CEUs shall be earned in professional studies and at least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in a setting in which
6 three or more persons come together at the same location at the same time as a group to listen to a lecture, to view a
7 demonstration, to participate in group discussions, or to learn through any combination of these or similar activities.

8 (b) A licensee may carry over up to two surplus CEUs earned in one licensure year to the next licensure year to
9 meet the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule. The licensee shall demonstrate that he or she earned the CEU
10 credits sought to be carried over in the licensee's license renewal application packet submitted for the carry over year
11 in order to receive credit therefore. Except as specifically provided hereby, surplus CEUs shall only be carried
12 forward from the licensure year in which they were earned to the next subsequent licensure year and not beyond.

13 (c) A licensee may not earn CEUs while interpreting, whether or not the licensee is compensated for his or her
14 services.

15 (d) The Board shall waive the continuing education requirements in this Section for any individual who is currently
16 licensed by and in good standing with the Board if the individual is serving in the armed forces of the United States
17 and if G.S. 105-249.2 grants the individual an extension of time to file a tax return. The waiver shall be in effect for
18 any period that is disregarded under Section 7508 of the Internal Revenue Code in determining the taxpayer's
19 liability for a federal tax.

20 (e) For the 2019-20 licensure year only, the Board waives the in-person course requirements of Paragraph (a) and
21 licensees may take all of their CEUs for the 2019-20 licensure year electronically. However, this waiver shall not
22 apply to any surplus CEUs earned during the 2019-20 licensure year and sought by the licensee to be carried over to
23 the 2020-21 licensure year.

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