

SECTION .0500 – CONTINUING EDUCATION

21 NCAC 25 .0501 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- (a) A licensee shall earn at least two continuing education units ("CEUs") each licensure year. At least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in professional studies and at least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in a setting in which 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 demonstration, to participate in group discussions, or to learn through any combination of these or similar activities.
- (b) A licensee may carry over up to two surplus CEUs earned in one licensure year to the next licensure year to meet the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule. The licensee shall demonstrate that he or she earned the CEU credits sought to be carried over in the licensee's license renewal application packet submitted for the carry over year in order to receive credit therefore. Surplus CEUs shall only be carried forward from the licensure year in which they were earned to the next subsequent licensure year and not beyond.
- (c) A licensee may not earn CEUs while interpreting, whether or not the licensee is compensated for his or her services.
- (d) The Board shall waive the continuing education requirements in this Rule for any individual who is currently licensed by and in good standing with the Board if the individual is serving in the armed forces of the United States 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 any period that is disregarded under Section 7508 of the Internal Revenue Code in determining the taxpayer's liability for a federal tax.
- (e) For the 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 licensure years only, the Board waives the in-person course requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule and licensees may take all of their CEUs for those licensure years electronically. However, this waiver shall not apply to any surplus CEUs earned during the 2023-24 licensure year and sought by the licensee to be carried over to the 2024-25 licensure year.

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21 NCAC 25 .0502 PRORATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The CEU requirements specified in Rule .0501 of this Chapter shall be prorated as follows during a licensee's initial licensure year:

- (1) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of October, November or December, the licensee shall be required to earned at least 2.0 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in professional studies and at least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in a traditional classroom setting;
- (2) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of January, February, or March, the licensee shall be required to earned at least 1.5 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in professional studies and at least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in a traditional classroom setting;
- (3) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of April, May, or June, the licensee shall be required to earned at least 1.0 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 0.5 of those CEUs shall be earned in professional studies and at least 0.5 of those CEUs shall be earned in a traditional classroom setting;
- (4) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of July, August, or September, the licensee shall be required to earned at least 0.5 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 0.5 of those CEUs shall be earned in professional studies and at least 0.5 of those CEUs shall be earned in a traditional classroom setting.

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21 NCAC 25 .0503 FAILURE TO MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(a) A licensee who has not complied with the continuing education requirements in this Section shall be ineligible for license renewal. Any person whose license renewal application is denied on these grounds may reapply for licensure as soon as the person is able to demonstrate that:

- (1) the person has earned at least two CEUs within the 12 months next preceding the date of reapplication;
- (2) at least 1.0 of those CEUs was earned in professional studies; and
- (3) at least 1.0 of those CEUs was earned in a traditional classroom setting.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, a licensee who has not complied with the continuing education requirements in this Section shall be eligible for license renewal if:

- (1) the licensee makes a timely application for renewal, including the payment of the required license fee; and
- (2) the licensee earns the required CEUs by no later than the 31st day of October in the new licensure year.

(c) CEUs earned in the current licensure year and used to cure a deficiency in the prior licensure year may not be used to meet the CEU requirements of the current year.

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21 NCAC 25 .0504 CEU CREDIT FOR COLLEGE COURSES

A licensee may earn CEUs by enrolling in and completing a class or course sponsored by a college or university accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or by any other accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In order to receive CEU credit for the class or course, the licensee must authorize and direct the sponsoring college or university to mail to the Board a certified transcript documenting that the licensee completed the class or course and that the licensee earned at least a 2.0 grade point average in the class or course or a grade of "Pass" if the licensee was graded on a "Pass-Fail" basis.

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21 NCAC 25 .0505 CEU CREDIT FOR WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND INDEPENDENT STUDY RECOGNIZED BY RID

(a) A licensee may earn CEUs by attending workshops and conferences recognized by The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. ("RID"). In order to receive CEU credit for attendance at a workshop or conference recognized by RID, the licensee must submit to the Board a copy of the licensee's RID CEU transcript. RID shall be the sole judge of the number of CEUs earned by attendance at the workshop or conference.

(b) A licensee who is either a certified member of RID or an associate member of RID participating in the Associate Continuing Education Tracking ("ACET") Program may earn CEUs by independently studying instructional materials in any format -- including, but not limited to, videotapes, audiotapes, web sites, DVDs, CDs, and books and other printed materials -- so long as the materials have been recognized by RID. In order to receive CEU credit for such independent study, the licensee must submit to the Board a copy of the licensee's RID CEU transcript. RID shall be the sole judge of the number of CEUs earned by the completion of any independent study recognized by RID.

(c) If a licensee does not have an RID CEU transcript because the licensee is neither a certified member of RID nor an associate member of RID participating in the ACET Program, the licensee may receive CEU credit for attendance at the workshop or conference by submitting to the Board:

- (1) a certificate of completion signed by the workshop or conference sponsor, provider, or presenter; and
- (2) a copy of the advertisement or flyer that shows that attendance at the workshop or conference qualifies for RID CEUs.

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21 NCAC 25 .0506 CEU CREDIT FOR WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND INDEPENDENT STUDY APPROVED BY OTHER STATUTORY PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

(a) A licensee may earn CEUs by attending workshops and conferences approved by other statutory professional licensing boards of this or any other state. In order to receive CEU credit for attendance at such workshops and conferences, the licensee must submit to the Board written evidence that the workshop or conference was approved by another statutory professional licensing board and that the licensee attended the workshop or conference. The mandatory professional licensing board that approves the workshop or conference shall be the sole judge of the number of CE hours that may be earned by attendance at the workshop or conference.

(b) A licensee may earn CEUs by independently studying instructional materials in any format -- including, but not limited to, videotapes, audiotapes, web sites, DVDs, CDs, and books and other printed materials -- so long as the materials have been approved for CE credit by another statutory professional licensing board. In order to receive CEU credit for such independent study, the licensee must submit to the Board written evidence that the independent study was approved by another statutory professional licensing board and that the licensee satisfactorily completed the independent study. The statutory professional licensing board that approves the independent study shall be the sole judge of the number of CE hours that may be earned by completion of the independent study.

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