

## 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.
- (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.

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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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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

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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; and
- (2) at least 1.0 of those CEUs was earned in professional studies.

(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 as defined in 21 NCAC 25 .0204(a), 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 shall not be used to meet the CEU requirements of the current year.

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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 shall 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 shall 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 shall receive CEU credit for attendance at the workshop or conference by submitting to the Board a certificate of completion signed by the workshop or conference sponsor, provider, or presenter.

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