

CHAPTER 112-04-03 CONTINUING ACUPUNCTURE EDUCATION

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112-04-03-01. Continuing education requirements.

1. All active licensees shall complete a minimum of thirty hours of approved continuing education credit during the biennial licensing cycle. Only hours earned at board-accepted continuing education programs will be allowed. One hour of credit is earned for every fifty minutes of actual class time.
 - a. CPR recertification is required each biennial cycle and is granted four continuing education units.
 - b. Two credits are required in either ethics or safety each biennial cycle.
2. An extension of time or other waiver to complete the hours required in subsection 1 shall be granted upon written application if the licensee failed to meet the requirements due to illness, military service, medical or religious missionary activity, or other extenuating circumstance.

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General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 43-57-03, 43-61-04

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-57-03, 43-57-07, 43-61-03

112-04-03-02. Exceptions.

The following licensed acupuncturists are not required to meet the continuing education requirements of this chapter:

1. Acupuncturists who are enrolled in full-time graduate acupuncture education programs (doctoral degrees, residencies, and fellowships).
2. Acupuncturists who hold a provisional temporary license, and acupuncturists who have not renewed their licenses for the first time since being granted a regular permanent license by the board.
3. Acupuncturists who have retired from the active practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine. This exception is available only to retired acupuncturists who have completely and totally withdrawn from the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine. Any acupuncturist seeking to be excused from completing continuing acupuncture education requirements under this subsection must submit an affidavit to the board (on the board's form) certifying that the acupuncturist will render no acupuncture services during the term of the next continuing education reporting period.

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112-04-03-03. Board approval.

1. In order to receive board approval, a continuing education program must be accepted by the credentialing commission.
2. It is the responsibility of the licensee to verify the appropriate credit designation with the source of the program. All licensees must verify eligibility for continuing credit and the appropriate credit designation before taking any particular course.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-57-03, 43-57-07, 43-61-03

112-04-03-04. Board audit.

Each biennium the board will audit randomly selected acupuncturists to monitor compliance with the continuing education requirements. Any acupuncturist so audited will be required to furnish documentation of compliance, including the name of the continuing education provider, name of the program, hours of continuing education completed, dates of attendance, and verification of attendance. Any acupuncturist who fails to provide verification of compliance with the continuing education requirements will be subject to revocation of licensure. In order to facilitate the board's audits, every acupuncturist is required to maintain a record of all continuing education activities in which the acupuncturist has participated. Every acupuncturist must maintain those records for a period of at least two years following the time when those continuing education activities were reported to the board.

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112-04-03-05. Inactive status.

On or before December thirty-first of each even-numbered year, licensees may elect to renew their licenses as inactive. The inactive status is at a reduced fee for those licensees who do not practice, consult, or provide any service relative to the acupuncture profession in the state. The inactive licensee does not have to provide proof of continuing education hours. Any inactive licensee may activate the license at any time by paying an additional fee and showing proof of thirty hours of continuing acupuncture education in the preceding twenty-four months.

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