

CHAPTER 352
CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS

645—352.1(272C) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Audit*” means the selection of licensees for verification of satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements during a specified time period.

“*Board*” means the board of athletic training created under Iowa Code chapter 147.

“*BOC*” means the Board of Certification or its successor organization.

“*Continuing education*” means planned, organized learning acts acquired during initial licensure designed to maintain, improve, or expand a licensee’s knowledge and skills in order for the licensee to develop new knowledge and skills relevant to the enhancement of practice, education, or theory development to improve the safety and welfare of the public.

“*Hour of continuing education*” means at least 50 minutes spent by a licensee completing an approved continuing education activity through live, virtual, online or prerecorded means where the instructor provides proof of completion by the licensee as set forth in these rules.

“*License*” means license to practice.

“*Licensee*” means any person licensed to practice as an athletic trainer in the state of Iowa.

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645—352.2(152D) Continuing education requirements.

352.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period shall extend for a two-year period beginning on March 1 of each odd-numbered year and ending on February 28 of the next odd-numbered year. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as an athletic trainer in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of continuing education approved by the board.

352.2(2) Requirements for new licensees. Those persons licensed for the first time or being licensed for the first time after a temporary license shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses. Continuing education hours acquired anytime from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used. The new licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal.

352.2(3) Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity. These hours must be in accordance with these rules.

352.2(4) No hours of continuing education shall be carried over into the next biennium except as stated for the second renewal. A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation.

352.2(5) It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.

645—352.3(152D,272C) Standards.

352.3(1) General criteria. A continuing education activity which meets all of the following criteria is appropriate for continuing education credit if the continuing education activity:

- a. Constitutes an organized program of learning which contributes directly to the professional competency of the licensee;
- b. Pertains to subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of the profession;
- c. Is conducted by individuals who have specialized education, training and experience by reason of which said individuals should be considered qualified concerning the subject matter of the program.

At the time of audit, the board may request the qualifications of presenters;

- d. Fulfills stated program goals, objectives, or both; and
- e. Provides proof of attendance to licensees in attendance including:
 - (1) Date(s), location, course title, presenter(s);
 - (2) Number of program contact hours; and

(3) Certificate of completion or evidence of successful completion of the course provided by the course sponsor.

352.3(2) Specific criteria. Continuing education shall be obtained through any of the following:

- a. Completing a course provided by a BOC-approved provider of continuing education.
- b. Attending workshops, conferences, or symposiums.
- c. Authoring research, the results of which are published in a recognized professional publication.

A licensee shall receive five hours of credit per page.

d. Presenting professional programs that meet the criteria of this chapter. Two hours of credit will be awarded for each hour of presentation. A course schedule or brochure must be maintained for audit. Presenting at a professional program does not include teaching class at an institution of higher learning at which the applicant is regularly and primarily employed, nor does it include presentations to the lay public. A licensee may be granted no more than ten hours of continuing education credit per biennium for presenting professional programs.

e. Completing academic courses that directly relate to the professional competency of the licensee. Official transcripts indicating successful completion of academic courses that apply to the field of athletic training must be maintained for audit. Continuing education credit equivalents are as follows:

1 academic semester hour = 15 continuing education hours

1 academic trimester hour = 12 continuing education hours

1 academic quarter hour = 10 continuing education hours

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645—352.4(152D,272C) Audit of continuing education report. In addition to the requirements of 645—4.11(272C), proof of current BOC certification shall be accepted in lieu of individual certificates of completion for an audit.

645—352.5(152D,272C) Automatic exemption. Rescinded IAB 8/13/08, effective 9/17/08.

645—352.6(272C) Grounds for disciplinary action. Rescinded IAB 8/13/08, effective 9/17/08.

645—352.7(152D,272C) Continuing education waiver for active practitioners. Rescinded IAB 7/20/05, effective 8/24/05.

645—352.8(152D,272C) Continuing education exemption for inactive practitioners. Rescinded IAB 7/20/05, effective 8/24/05.

645—352.9(272C) Continuing education exemption for disability or illness. Rescinded IAB 8/13/08, effective 9/17/08.

645—352.10(152D,272C) Reinstatement of inactive practitioners. Rescinded IAB 7/20/05, effective 8/24/05.

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