

**481—702.3(149,272C) Standards.**

**702.3(1) General criteria.** A continuing education activity that meets all of the following criteria is appropriate for continuing education credit if the continuing education activity:

- a. Constitutes an organized program of learning that contributes directly to the professional competency of the licensee;
- b. Pertains to subject matters that 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, 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.

**702.3(2) Specific criteria.**

- a. Licensees may obtain continuing education hours of credit by teaching in a college, university, or graduate school that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The licensee may receive credit on a one-time basis for the first offering of a course.
- b. Continuing education hours of credit may be obtained by completing the following programs/activities of a podiatric scientific nature and sponsored by an accredited college of podiatric medicine or the American Podiatric Medical Association or a regional or state affiliate or nonprofit hospital that are:
  - (1) Educational activities in which participants and faculty are present at the same time and attendance can be verified. Such activities include lectures, conferences, focused seminars, clinical and practical workshops, simultaneous live satellite broadcasts and teleconferences; and
  - (2) Scientifically oriented material or risk management activities.
- c. If the podiatrist utilizes conscious sedation, the podiatrist shall obtain a minimum of one hour of continuing education in the area of conscious sedation or other related topics.
- d. A licensee who has prescribed opioids to a patient during a renewal cycle shall have obtained a minimum of one hour of continuing education regarding the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guideline for prescribing opioids for chronic pain, including recommendations on limitations on dosages and the length of prescriptions, risk factors for abuse, and nonopioid and nonpharmacologic therapy options.
- e. Combined maximum per biennium of 20 hours for the following continuing education source areas will not exceed:
  - (1) Presenting professional programs that meet the criteria listed in this subrule. Two hours of credit will be awarded for each hour of presentation. A course schedule or brochure must be maintained for audit.
  - (2) Ten hours of credit for viewing videotaped presentations if the following criteria are met:
    1. There is an approved sponsoring group or agency;
    2. There is a facilitator or program official present;
    3. The program official is not the only attendee; and
    4. The program meets all the criteria in rule 481—702.3(149,272C).
  - (3) Ten hours of credit for computer-assisted instructional courses or programs pertaining to patient care and the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery. These courses and programs must be approved by the American Podiatric Medical Association or its affiliates and have a certificate of completion that includes the following information:
    1. Date course/program was completed;
    2. Title of course/program;
    3. Number of course/program contact hours; and
    4. Official signature or verification of course/program sponsor.

(4) Five hours of credit for reading journal articles pertaining to patient care and the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery. The licensee must pass a required posttest and be provided with a certificate of completion.

*f.* No office management courses will be accepted by the board.

*g.* Continuing education hours of credit equivalents for academic coursework per biennium are as follows:

1 academic semester hour = 15 continuing education hours

1 academic quarter hour = 10 continuing education hours

*h.* Credit is given only for actual hours attended.

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