

**481—902.2(272C) Continuing education requirements.**

**902.2(1)** The biennial continuing education compliance period will extend for a two-year period beginning on the fifteenth day of the licensee's birth month and ending on the fifteenth day of the licensee's birth month. Each biennium, a person who holds an active license will be required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education activity. Two of the 24 hours of continuing education will be in current Iowa law and rules covering mortuary science content areas, including but not limited to Iowa law and rules governing the practice of mortuary science, cremation, vital statistics, cemeteries and preneed. A minimum of 12 hours of the 24 hours of continuing education required for renewal will be earned by completing a program in which an instructor conducts the class employing either in-person or live, real-time interactive media.

**902.2(2)** Requirements of new licensees. Continuing education is not required in the first renewal period. Continuing education hours acquired any time from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used. The new licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal.

**902.2(3)** Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity as stipulated in rule.

**902.2(4)** Up to 50 percent of continuing education (a maximum of 12 hours) can be carried over into the next biennium if there was an amount of continuing education completed during the prior period that exceeded the minimum requirement. 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.

**902.2(5)** It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.

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