

**645—102.2(272C) Continuing education requirements.**

**102.2(1)** The biennial continuing education compliance period shall 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, each person who is licensed to practice as a licensee in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education approved by the board. Two of the 24 hours of continuing education shall 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. Beginning January 1, 2009, 12 hours of the 24 hours of continuing education required for renewal shall be earned by completing a program in which an instructor conducts the class employing either in-person or live, real-time interactive media.

**102.2(2)** Requirements of new licensees. Those persons licensed for the first time 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 24 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal.

**102.2(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.

**102.2(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.

**102.2(5)** It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.