

**193D—3.2(544B,17A) Continuing education requirements.** In order for professional landscape architects to provide competent, professional services to the public, continuing education shall consist of learning experiences that enhance, expand and keep current the skills, knowledge, and abilities of practicing professionals. Professional landscape architects may pursue learning experiences in technical, nontechnical, regulatory, ethics and business practice areas, provided that the continuing education directly benefits the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

**3.2(1) Hours required.** Each registrant shall complete during each two-year licensing term a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education approved by the board. Compliance with the continuing education requirements is a prerequisite for license renewal.

**3.2(2)** Within any biennial renewal period, 24 contact hours must be acquired and shall be in health, safety, welfare subjects acquired in structural educational activities. The hours earned in self-study activities shall be limited to 6 hours, effective for the renewals that are due on June 30, 2008. Hours acquired in any 24-month renewal period may not be carried over to a subsequent 24-month renewal period. Continuing education hours may be acquired in any location.

**3.2(3)** A professional landscape architect who holds a license in Iowa for less than 12 months from the date of initial licensure shall not be required to report continuing education at the first license renewal. A professional landscape architect who holds a license in Iowa for more than 12 months, but less than 24 months from the date of initial licensure, shall be required to report 12 contact hours in health, safety, welfare subjects earned in the preceding 12 months at the first license renewal.

**3.2(4) Sources of continuing education.** The following suggested list may be used by all licensees to determine the types of activities which may fulfill the continuing education requirements.

*a.* Contact hours in attendance at short courses or seminars dealing with landscape architectural subjects and sponsored by colleges, universities or professional organizations.

*b.* Contact hours in attendance at presentations on landscape architectural subjects, which are held in conjunction with conventions or at seminars related to materials use and function. Presentations such as those presented by the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB), American Society of Landscape Architects, Construction Specification Institute, Construction Products Manufacturers Council or similar organizations devoted to landscape architecture education may qualify.

*c.* Contact hours in attendance at short courses or seminars relating to business practice or new technology and offered by colleges, universities, professional organizations or system suppliers.

*d.* Presenting or teaching courses or seminars in landscape architecture. Three preparation hours may be claimed for each class hour spent teaching landscape architectural courses or seminars. College or university faculty members may not claim credit for teaching regular curriculum courses.

*e.* Contact hours spent in professional service to the public which draws upon the licensee's professional expertise on boards and commissions such as serving on planning commissions, building code advisory boards, urban renewal boards, or code study commissions.

*f.* Contact hours spent in landscape architectural research which is published or formally presented to the profession or public. Credit may be claimed only following publication or presentation.

*g.* Contact hours spent in landscape architectural self-study courses presented in written format or via the Internet, television, video, or audio, such as those sponsored by the American Society of Landscape Architects, CLARB, or similar organizations. Courses must conclude with an examination or other verification of course completion. Self-study hours shall be limited to 6 hours earned in any biennial renewal period, effective for renewals that are due on June 30, 2008.

*h.* College or university courses dealing with landscape architectural subjects or business practice. Each semester hour shall equal 15 contact hours. A quarter hour shall equal 10 contact hours.

*i.* Contact hours spent in educational tours or in areas significant in landscape architecture when the tour is sponsored by college, university or professional organizations and verification of participation is provided by the tour sponsor. Self-guided tours do not qualify.

*j.* Contact hours spent attending in-house educational programs, including dinner, luncheon, and breakfast meetings.

**3.2(5) Financing.** It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the costs for continuing education.