

481—721.2(148G,152B,272C) Continuing education requirements.

721.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period will extend for a two-year period beginning on April 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on March 31 of the next even-numbered year. Each biennium, the licensee will be required to complete continuing education that meets the requirements specified in rule 481—721.3(148G,152B,272C).

a. For respiratory care practitioner licensees: complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education.

b. For respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner licensees: complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education.

c. For polysomnographic technologist licensees: complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education.

721.2(2) Requirements of new licensees. Those persons licensed for the first time will not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses. Continuing education hours acquired any time from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used. For each subsequent license renewal, the new licensee will be required to complete continuing education per biennium.

721.2(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.

721.2(4) Up to 50 percent of continuing education 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.

721.2(5) It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.

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