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POSITION STATEMENT RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT FOR COURSEWORK AND THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AMA)

PURPOSE:

To establish parameters for acceptance of academic coursework or events approved by the American Medical Association (AMA) for continuing education credit.

REFERENCES:

The Act: Texas Occupations Code (TOC), Chapter 402, §401.355

Board Rules: 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 741

Subchapter L, §741.162 relating to Requirements for Continuing Professional Education

University or college course work or events approved by the AMA in an area of study related to basic communication processes, speech-language pathology, or audiology shall be considered for continuing education credit. Licensees shall submit a description of the course or continuing education activity, an official transcript demonstrating a grade of "C" or better for academic coursework, along with a description of:

- how the activity furthers the licensee's knowledge of speech-language pathology or audiology; or
- how the activity enhances the licensee's service delivery.

The Board advises licensees to obtain prior approval of these types of activities for continuing education credit.

It is the policy of this Board that the chair shall appoint a Board member to review university or college coursework and events approved by the AMA in content areas ancillary to speech-language pathology and audiology. Review of these courses shall be determined on a case-by-case basis resulting in assignment of full, partial, or no credit for the continuing education hours required for license renewal. Coursework in categories other than those listed below shall be subject to Board ratification.

The following guidelines shall be utilized in reviewing the activities described above:

Full credit shall be assigned to:

- academic coursework in the areas of speech pathology and audiology leading to an advanced academic degree in the professional licensure area;
- academic coursework in the areas of speech pathology and audiology that are taught by the licensee, for the first time;
- AMA category 1 credit courses pertaining to disorder or practice areas related to the areas of speech pathology and audiology.

Partial credit may be assigned to:

- academic coursework in areas ancillary to speech pathology and audiology in which a project was completed that directly relates to the licensee's area of practice;
- academic coursework in areas ancillary to speech pathology and audiology in which there is evidence of how the subject area enhanced or altered the licensee's service delivery.

No credit shall be assigned to:

- academic coursework for general computing or software applications;
- academic coursework for foreign language;
- academic coursework for general management or supervisory practices;
- academic coursework for general psychological assessment or behavior management.