

Texas Administrative Code

TITLE 40

SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

PART 12

TEXAS BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

CHAPTER 367

CONTINUING EDUCATION

RULE §367.2

Categories of Continuing Education

(a) All continuing education must comply with Type 1 or Type 2 as outlined in §367.1 of this title (relating to Continuing Education). Continuing education undertaken by a licensee for renewal shall be acceptable if it falls in one or more of the following categories.

(1) Formal academic courses related to occupational therapy. Completion of course work at or through an accredited college or university shall be counted as follows: three CE hours for each credit hour of a course with a grade of A, B, C, and/or P (Pass). Thus a three-credit course counts for 9 credit hours of continuing education. All college course work must comply with Type 1 and Type 2 as outlined in §367.1 of this title (relating to Continuing Education), no maximum.

(2) In-service educational programs, training programs, institutes, seminars, workshops, facility based courses, and conferences in occupational therapy. Hour for hour credit on program content only, no maximum.

(3) Development of publication, media materials or research/grant activities per two year renewal period:

(A) Published scholarly work in a peer-review journal, 15 hours maximum.

(B) Principle investigator or co-principle investigator in grant or research proposals accepted for consideration. 10 hours maximum.

(C) Published book, 10 hours maximum.

(D) Second or other author, 7 hours maximum.

(E) Book chapter, 5 hours maximum.

(F) Other publications such as newsletter and trade magazines, 2 hours maximum.

(4) Home study courses, Internet-based courses, and videotape instruction, no maximum.

(A) Courses must fit the criteria for continuing education for Type 1 or Type 2.

(B) These courses must have a post-test and give a certificate of completion.

(C) Internet courses must reflect a pre-determined number of credit hours.

(5) Professional presentations by licensee

(A) Professional presentation, e.g. in-services, workshops, institutes: any presentations counted only one time. Hour for hour credit. 10 hour maximum.

(B) Community/Service organization presentation: any presentation counted once. Hour for hour credit. 10 hours maximum.

(6) Fieldwork Supervision, 8 hours maximum, Type 2

(A) A licensee may earn 2 contact hours for each Level 1 students supervised. A licensee may earn 6 contact hours for each Level 2 student supervised. A licensee may earn a maximum of 8 contact hours for student supervision per renewal period.

(B) Fieldwork supervision hours may be evenly divided between licensees, not to

exceed two fieldwork educators.

(C) Fieldwork education supervision must be completed before the licensee's renewal date.

(D) Documentation shall include verification provided by the school to the fieldwork educator(s) with the name of the student, school, and dates of fieldwork or the signature page of the completed evaluation form. Evaluation scores and comments should be deleted or blocked out.

(7) Any deviation from the above continuing education categories will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Coordinator of Occupational Therapy or by the Continuing Education Committee. A request for special consideration must be submitted in writing a minimum of 60 days prior to expiration of the license.

(b) Unacceptable Continuing Education Activities include but are not limited to:

(1) Any non-instructional time frames such as breaks, meals, introductions, and pre/post testing.

(2) Business meetings

(3) Exhibit hall attendance

(4) Reading journals

(5) Courses such as, but not limited to: grant writing, case management, massage therapy, general management and business, social work, defensive driving, water safety, team building, GRE, GMAT, MCAT preparation, cooking for health, weight management, women's health and stress management, reading techniques, geriatric anthology, general foreign languages.

(6) Facility-based annual required courses such as, but not limited to patient abuse, disposal of hazardous waste, patient privacy, HIPAA & FERPA, blood borne pathogens, and other annual facility required repetitive courses do not count toward continuing education.

(7) Program providers are prohibited from self-promotion of programs, products, and/or services during the presentation of the program.

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