

**21 NCAC 22F .0203      CONTENT CATEGORIES**

(a) Sessions assigned to Category 1, as described in this Rule, shall satisfy the continuing education requirement for license renewal. Any session not assigned to Category 1 shall not be approved to satisfy the continuing education requirement for license renewal.

(b) Category 1 is for amplification, hearing rehabilitation, hearing loss, regulations, and consumer-related issues, and shall be assigned to continuing education sessions that are comprised of the following topics:

- (1) hearing aid technology: instrument circuitry and acoustic performance data;
- (2) earmold or shell coupling systems: design, selection, modifications, and ear impressions;
- (3) hearing aid selection procedures, verification, fitting and adjustment techniques, and servicing or repairs;
- (4) aural rehabilitation using amplification: auditory training, hearing aid orientation and counseling techniques, and hearing aid validation techniques;
- (5) biological, physical, and behavioral bases underlying normal and pathological hearing processes;
- (6) detection, assessment, or monitoring of hearing impairment (such as measurement techniques and test interpretation), including intraoperative monitoring;
- (7) cochlear implants or implantable hearing devices;
- (8) central auditory processing;
- (9) assistive listening devices, including FM Systems and ancillary wireless devices;
- (10) techniques for development of speech and language in children with hearing loss, or augmentative and alternative communication strategies for children or adults with hearing loss;
- (11) cerumen management, dizziness, or tinnitus as it pertains to persons with hearing loss;
- (12) hearing impaired consumers' views of the hearing health care industry and consumer complaints;
- (13) infection control issues for the hearing health care profession;
- (14) professional conduct and regulatory issues pertaining to the fitting and selling of hearing aids; and
- (15) hearing aid business practices, such as hearing aid office management, sales contracts, and hearing aid marketing or industry trends.

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