

## SECTION 0600 - CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### 21 NCAC 65 .0601 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED RECREATIONAL THERAPIST AND LICENSED RECREATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

(a) During the two-year licensing period, a Recreational Therapist or Recreational Therapy Assistant who is licensed by the North Carolina Board of Recreation Therapy Licensure shall complete continuing education as set forth in this Rule. Candidates for license renewal must complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education to renew the license. The renewal cycle is two years prior to licensee's expiration date, and 20 hours or 2.0 CEUs must be earned within these two years.

(b) Values shall be awarded as the follows:

0.1 CEU (Continuing Education Unit) = one contact hour

1.0 CEU (Continuing Education Unit) = ten hours

2.0 CEUs = 20 Hours of Continuing Education every two years

No credit shall be awarded for sessions less than one hour in length.

(c) Content of continuing education must be consistent with the current standards listed in the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Council Job Analysis, which is hereby incorporated by reference, including any subsequent amendments or changes. A copy of the Analysis can be accessed at the NCTRC website at no cost. A licensee shall acquire credit through professional service, continuing education courses, academic courses, and professional publications and presentations.

(d) A licensee seeking renewal earning continuing education credit approved by the International Council on Continuing Education (IACET) shall include documentation in licensees' renewal application showing credit earned, content, the licensee's name and attendance dates. A licensee seeking renewal credit for sessions not approved by IACET must send documentation to show name, content, attendance, and amount of credit earned. Documentation to support renewal credit earned for attending professional sessions shall be a transcript, certificate, letter from the continuing education's provider's letterhead, or the licensee's employer's training log including the content, attendance dates, licensee's name and credit earned.

(e) A licensee seeking renewal credits for academic courses shall submit official transcript with course(s) and credit earned. One semester hour = 15 hours.

(f) A licensee seeking renewal credits from professional publications and presentations shall earn no more than 10 hours in the area of professional publications and presentations. Credit shall not be given for repeat or multiple presentations of same seminar, publication, in-service, original paper or poster presentation during a renewal cycle. Credit shall be split equally between presenters. Documentation for publications shall be a copy of the title page, table of contents, and publication date. Documentation for presentations shall be in the form of letter from the sponsoring body stating the licensee's name, date, content and the length of presentation.

(g) Values for publications and presentations are as follows:

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| (1)  | Authoring and publishing printed editorials                                       | one hour    |
| (2)  | Authoring and publishing peer reviewed articles on original research              | six hours   |
| (3)  | Authoring and publishing professional newsletter article                          | one hour    |
| (4)  | Editing a textbook of original work   | four hours  |
| (5)  | Authoring and publishing a textbook chapter of original work                      | six hours   |
| (6)  | Authoring and publishing a peer reviewed journal article of professional practice | four hours  |
| (7)  | Authoring and publishing a journal reviews or book review                         | one hour    |
| (8)  | Presenting peer reviewed poster session   | one hour    |
| (9)  | Authoring and publishing a research abstract                                      | one hour    |
| (10) | Authoring and publishing a textbook of original work                              | ten hours   |
| (11) | Authoring unpublished masters or doctoral thesis                                  | eight hours |
| (12) | Presenting one hour at professional meetings                                      | two hours   |

(h) Licensees seeking renewal credit for field-placement intern supervision shall be granted credit for no more than two field placement students during a renewal cycle for three hours credit per intern. Submission of the NCBRTL Clinical Appraisal and Reference Summary Form shall be accepted documentation. The NCBRTL Clinical Appraisal and Reference Summary Form can be found on the Board website, [www.ncbrtl.org](http://www.ncbrtl.org)

(i) Licensees shall attend the Board's Compliance and Ethics Training for four hours of credit during their first year of licensure. Existing licensees may attend the Board's Compliance and Ethics training for four hours of renewal credit.

(j) Licensees seeking renewal credit submission for on-line training shall submit as proof of completion a certificate, letter or transcript as follows:

- (1) documentation to show content of the session(s);
- (2) documentation to show licensees' date of completion of the session;
- (3) documentation to support amount of credit awarded; and
- (4) the website address of the sponsoring body.

(k) A licensee seeking renewal credit for professional Recreational Therapy board member service shall be documented by letter of service from the professional board stating the dates served. One hour of credit shall be given for one year's service. If the year's service crosses over the licensee's renewal cycle, credit can be used for next renewal cycle.

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