

**21 NCAC 10 .0210 INDIVIDUAL-STUDY CONTINUING EDUCATION**

(a) Hours permitted. A doctor of chiropractic may obtain as many as eight credit hours of continuing education each year by successfully completing one or more individual-study courses approved by the Board.

(b) Course approval. The criteria for Board approval of any individual-study course are as follows:

- (1) no practice-building or motivational courses shall be approved;
- (2) no course shall be approved that requires participants, in order to utilize the information presented, to purchase equipment or clinical supplies available only through the course's instructors, sponsors, or co-sponsors;
- (3) each subject taught shall fall within the extent and limitation of chiropractic licensure in this State as provided in G.S. 90-151;
- (4) the subject matter shall be presented in a manner comparable to instruction at chiropractic colleges accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education;
- (5) the sponsor shall have a method for recording and verifying a doctor's participation expressed in credit hours and fractions thereof, and the sponsor shall assume responsibility for submitting a certificate of participation to the Board within 60 days after a doctor completes the course;
- (6) the course shall include one or more examinations or other means of verifying that a participating doctor has mastered the material presented in the course.

(c) Sponsor's obligation. The sponsor shall provide such information as the Board deems necessary to evaluate the course according to the criteria set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, including the syllabus, a curriculum vitae for each instructor, the method for verifying attendance, and the length of the course. Failure to provide information required by the Board shall be a basis for denying the course. The application process for obtaining course approval is set forth in Rule .0207 of this Section.

(d) Professional development continuing education. A doctor of chiropractic may obtain continuing education credit for undertaking the professional development activities described in this Paragraph. Credit shall be awarded based on the actual time spent and shall not exceed two hours annually for all activities combined. To apply for credit, the doctor shall report such activities on his or her annual license renewal form as provided in Rule .0205(c) of this Section. Approved professional development activities shall include:

- (1) reading scientific, peer-reviewed professional journals; or
- (2) visiting vendor displays at professional association conventions to become familiar with trends in treatment technologies and new products.

(e) Attendance at interstate regulatory meetings. A doctor of chiropractic may obtain as many as 12 hours of continuing education credit annually by attending morning and afternoon sessions of a national meeting of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards or morning and afternoon sessions of a meeting of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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