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(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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