

21 NCAC 57B .0603 CRITERIA FOR COURSE APPROVAL

The following requirements shall be satisfied in order for course sponsors to obtain approval of a course for appraiser continuing education credit:

- (1) The subject matter of the course shall comply with the requirements of Rule .0204 of Subchapter 57A and the information to be provided in the course shall be both accurate and current.
- (2) The course shall involve a minimum of two hours of instruction on acceptable subject matter as outlined in 21 NCAC 57A .0204(c). A classroom hour consists of 50 minutes of classroom instruction and 10 minutes of break time. Instruction shall be given for the full number of hours for which credit is given. Instructors shall not accumulate unused break time to end the class early.
- (3) The course instructor(s) shall:
 - (a) possess the fitness for licensure required of applicants for trainee registration, real estate appraiser licensure, or certification; and
 - (b) have either:
 - (i) two years' full-time experience that is related to the subject matter to be taught;
 - (ii) a baccalaureate or higher degree in a field that is related to the subject matter to be taught;
 - (iii) two years' full-time experience teaching the subject matter to be taught; or
 - (iv) an equivalent combination of such education and experience.
- (4) The course shall be one involving a qualified instructor who, except as noted in Item (5) of this Rule, shall be physically present in the classroom at all times, and shall personally provide the instruction for the course. The course instructor may utilize video instruction, or similar types of instruction by other persons to enhance or supplement his or her personal instruction; however, such other persons shall not be considered to be the course instructor and the course instructor shall be physically present when such indirect instruction by other persons is being utilized. The instructor shall comply with Rule .0306(c) of this Subchapter. Instructors for the National USPAP courses shall be certified by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation. Current Appraisal Board members shall not teach continuing education courses during their term of office on the Board.
- (5) Course sponsors may offer all continuing education classes via distance education as set forth in the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria as implemented by The Appraisal Foundation's Appraiser Qualifications Board. A sponsor seeking approval of a computer-based education course shall provide the Board access to the course via the internet at a date and time satisfactory to the Board and the Board shall not be charged any fee for such access. A course completion certificate shall be forwarded to the student as stated in Rule .0607 of this Section, and a course roster shall be sent to the Appraisal Board in accordance with Rule .0608 of this Section.
- (6) The course shall be an educational program intended to improve the knowledge, skill and competence of trainees, and licensed and certified real estate appraisers.
- (7) The course sponsor shall certify that the course shall be conducted in accordance with the operational requirements stated in Rule .0606 of this Section and that the course sponsor will comply with all other applicable rules contained in this Section.
- (8) The course title shall not include the words "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice" or "USPAP" unless the course is either the 15-hour National USPAP course or the 7-hour National USPAP Continuing Education course. If the course is the 7-hour National USPAP Continuing Education course, the course title shall state which edition of USPAP will be taught in that specific course.
- (9) Each course shall utilize a textbook or course materials that have been approved by the Board.
- (10) If the course content is related to technology, such as software, hardware, electronic devices, manuals, or databases, the course shall be developed specifically for utilization in the real estate appraisal business in order to be approved for continuing education credit. Such courses shall not require the student to purchase specific products, and the course shall not be used to sell or advertise particular products or software.

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