



1 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2 KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

3 (Amendment)

4 201 KAR 17:090. Continuing education requirements.

5 RELATES TO: KRS 334A.170(4)

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.080(3), 334A.170(4)

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.080(3) requires the Board of
8 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to promulgate responsible administrative regulations,
9 including administrative regulations which delineate qualifications for licensure and renewal of
10 licensure. KRS 334A.170(4) requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations to set
11 forth requirements concerning continuing professional education. This administrative regulation
12 establishes the requirements for continuing education and prescribes methods and standards for
13 the accreditation of continuing education courses.

14 Section 1. [~~Definitions.~~

15 ~~(1) "Academic courses offered by an accredited postsecondary institution" means:~~

16 ~~(a) A speech language pathology or audiology course, designated by a speech language pathology~~
17 ~~or audiology title or content; or~~

18 ~~(b) An academic course, relevant to speech language pathology or audiology.~~

19 ~~(2) "Approved" means recognized by the Kentucky Board of Speech Language Pathology and~~
20 ~~Audiology.~~

~~(3) "Continuing education hour" means sixty (60) clock minutes of participating in continuing educational experiences.~~

~~(4) "Program" means an organized learning experience:~~

~~(a) Planned and evaluated to meet behavioral objectives; and~~

~~(b) Presented in one (1) session or a series.~~

~~(5) "Provider" means an organization approved by the Kentucky Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology for providing a continuing education program.~~

~~(6) "Related" means having content that is not directly linked to the practice of speech language pathology or audiology, but expands or augments clinical practice.~~

~~(7) "Relevant" means having content applicable to the practice of speech language pathology or audiology.~~

~~Section 2.]~~ Accrual of Continuing Education Units~~[Hours]~~.

(1) A minimum of thirty (30) CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ shall be accrued by each licensee~~[each person holding licensure as a speech language pathologist, speech language pathology assistant, or audiologist]~~ during the biennial period for renewal. Two (2) of these hours shall be focused on ethics.

(2) A dual license holder~~[person who holds a license]~~ in both speech-language pathology and audiology shall complete a minimum of fifty (50) CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ during the biennial period for renewal~~[. This person shall obtain continuing education hours]~~ which shall include CEUs in both areas of licensure and two (2) hours of ~~[Two (2) of these hours shall be focused on]~~ ethics.

(3) ~~[All continuing education hours shall be in the field in which the person is licensed.]~~ The licensee may use up to a maximum of four (4) hours in a related area for each biennial period.

(4) A person newly licensed during the license renewal period shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their ~~[his]~~ license.

(5) A person who fails to reinstate a ~~[failing to renew the]~~ license within ~~[the]~~ five (5) years of ~~[year period after]~~ its expiration shall apply for a new license and meet current licensure standards.

Additionally, ~~[obtain a license only after meeting the initial licensure requirements of 201 KAR~~

~~Chapter 17. In addition,]~~ the applicant shall provide proof they have worked in the field as a

licensee in another state during that time period; or shall provide proof of the successful completion

of thirty (30) CEUs ~~[hours of continuing education]~~ within the last twenty-four (24) months for a

single license application ~~[two (2) years for a speech language pathology, speech language~~

~~pathology assistant, or audiology license]~~ or fifty (50) CEUs for a dual license application. ~~[hours~~

~~of continuing education for a license in both speech language pathology and audiology.]~~

(6) Continuing education shall be completed during the renewal period ending ~~[by]~~ January 31. ~~[of~~

~~the renewal period]~~ For late renewal, CEUs may be earned during the grace period ending March

3, however those CEUs shall not be used for the next renewal period, and licensees who earn CEUs

during the grace period may be subject to audit during the next renewal period.

Section 2. ~~[Section 3.]~~ Methods of Acquiring Continuing Education Units ~~[Hours].~~

CEUs ~~[Continuing education hours]~~ applicable to the renewal of the license shall be directly related

to the profession. ~~[professional growth and development of a speech language pathologist, speech-~~

~~language pathology assistant, or audiologist.]~~

(1) The hours shall be earned by completing any of the following educational activities:

(a) Pre-approved programs ~~[Programs]~~ not requiring board review. ~~[and approval.]~~ An

educational program from any of the following providers shall be deemed to be relevant to the

1 ~~profession[practice of speech language pathology or audiology]~~ and shall be approved without
2 further review: ~~[by the board if the program is:~~

3 1. ~~Programs sponsored~~~~[Sponsored]~~ or approved by ~~the~~:

4 a. ~~The~~ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)~~;~~ or ~~the~~
5 ~~[b. The]~~ American Academy of Audiology (AAA); or

6 2. An academic course offered by an accredited postsecondary institution directly
7 related to speech-language pathology or audiology. Academic credit equivalency for
8 CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ shall be based on one (1) university credit hour
9 equivalency of ~~[equals]~~ fifteen (15) CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~. Programs
10 designated to meet degree requirements shall not be acceptable;

11 (b) Programs requiring board review and approval. The board shall issue an approval
12 number upon receipt of the documentation required by Section 4 of this administrative regulation.
13 A program from any of the following sources shall be reviewed for a determination of relevancy
14 prior to board approval: ~~[determined if the program is relevant and therefore subsequently~~
15 ~~approved by the board:]~~

16 1. A program, including a home study course or in-service training provided by
17 another organization, educational institution, or service provider approved by the board in
18 accordance with Section 5 of this administrative regulation;

19 2. A program or academic course presented by the licensee. A presenter of a
20 relevant program or academic course shall earn full CEU~~[continuing education credit]~~ for
21 each contact hour of instruction, not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the CEU~~[continuing~~
22 ~~education]~~ renewal requirements. Credit shall not be issued for repeated instruction of the
23 same course; or

3. Authoring an article in a relevant, professionally recognized or juried publication. Credit shall ~~[not]~~ be granted for first authorship of an article ~~[unless the article was]~~ published within the two (2) year period immediately preceding the renewal date. A~~[and a]~~ licensee shall not earn more than one-half (1/2) of the CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ required for renewal. More than one (1) publication shall not be accepted~~[counted]~~ during a renewal period.

4. Online coursework shall not exceed ten (10) hours per day.

(2) A general education course, elective course, or a course designated to meet degree requirements shall not be acceptable.

(3) Related CEU topics~~[continuing education subjects which are]~~ not specifically a part of the field of speech-language pathology or audiology may be approved for up to four (4) CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ if the board determines~~[believes that]~~ the related topics will~~[areas serve to]~~ enhance the licensee's ability to practice. The four (4) hour maximum credit for related topics~~[areas]~~ of study by a dual~~[the]~~ licensee shall be applicable to only one (1) license (speech-language pathology or audiology) ~~[for those individuals who hold dual licensure].~~

Section 3.~~[Section 4.]~~ Procedures for Approval of Continuing Education Programs. A course~~[;]~~ which has not been preapproved by the board pursuant to Section 3(1) of this administrative regulation~~[;]~~ may be used for CEUs upon board approval of the course.~~[continuing education if approval is secured from the board for the course. The board may consider for approval a Continuing Education program if one (1) or more of the following items have been submitted. In order for the board to adequately review a program, the]~~

(1) The following information shall be submitted for board review and approval:

(a)~~[(1)]~~ A published course or seminar description, including course learning objectives;

(b)(2) Names and qualifications of all instructors~~[the instructors]~~;

(c)(3) A copy of the program agenda indicating hours of education, registration, and
coffee and lunch breaks;

(d)(4) Number of CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ requested;

(e) A copy of the certificate of completion for distribution to attendees; and

(f)(5) Application to the board for CEU~~[continuing education credit]~~ approval using the
"Application for Continuing Education Program Approval", form DPL-SLPA-12.

(2) A CEU activity shall be qualified for approval if the board determines the activity being
presented:

- (a) Is an organized program of learning;
- (b) Pertains to subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of speech language
pathology or audiology;
- (c) Contributes to the professional competence of the licensee; and
- (d) Is conducted by individuals who have relevant training or experience.

(3) CEU providers shall provide attendees with a certificate of completion, including the course
approval number provided by the board.

Section 4.~~[Section 5.]~~ Procedures for Approval~~[Preapproval]~~ of Continuing Education Sponsors
~~[and Programs]~~.

(1) Sponsor approval. An entity seeking to obtain approval of a continuing education program
prior to its offering shall:

- (a) Apply~~[Of a continuing education program prior to its offering shall apply]~~ to the board
at least thirty (30) days in advance ~~[of the commencement]~~ of the program, and shall provide the
information required in Section 4(1) of this administrative regulation; or

(b) ~~A~~As a prior-authorized ~~CEU~~continuing education provider under Section 3(1)(a) of this administrative regulation shall satisfy the board that the entity seeking this status:

1. Consistently offers programs which meet or exceed all the requirements set forth in subsection (2) of this section; and

2. Does not exclude a licensee from its programs.

(c) A sponsor may apply for approval less than thirty (30) days before, or any time after, a program is conducted, however, the sponsor may not advertise the program has been board-approved.

~~[(2) A continuing education activity shall be qualified for approval if the board determines the activity being presented:~~

~~(a) Is an organized program of learning;~~

~~(b) Pertains to subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology;~~

~~(c) Contributes to the professional competency of the licensee; and~~

~~(d) Is conducted by individuals who have relevant educational training or experience.~~

~~(3) Providers of continuing education shall provide attendees with a certificate of completion including the course approval number provided by the board.]~~

Section 5.~~[Section 6:]~~ Licensee Responsibilities and Reporting Requirements ~~[of a Licensee]~~.

(1) During the licensure renewal period, up to fifteen (15) percent of all licensees shall be selected at random by the board or include those licensees who earned CEUs during the late renewal period, and required to furnish documentation of the completion of the appropriate number of CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~. Verification of CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ shall not otherwise be reported to the board;

1 (2) A licensee shall:

2 (a) Be responsible for obtaining required CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~;

3 (b) Identify their ~~[his]~~ own continuing education needs and seek activities that meet those
4 needs;

5 (c) Seek ways to integrate new knowledge, skills and attitudes;

6 (d) Select approved activities by which to earn CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~;

7 (e) Submit to the board, if applicable, a request for approval for CEUs~~[continuing education~~
8 ~~activities]~~ not approved as required in Section 3(1) of this administrative regulation;

9 (f) At the time of renewal, list the CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ obtained during that
10 licensure renewal period;

11 (g) Document attendance, participation in, and successful completion of CEUs~~[continuing~~
12 ~~education activity]~~ for a period of two (2) years from the date of the renewal; and

13 (h) Maintain records of CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~.

14 (3) If audited, the following items are required to document CEUs~~[continuing education activity]~~:

15 (a) A signed transcript or tracking sheet issued by a professional association; or

16 (b) A transcript, official certificate of completion, or affidavit signed by the instructor for
17 each CEU course or session;

18 (4) Failure to comply with the provisions of this administrative regulation shall constitute a
19 violation of KRS 334A.170(4) and shall result in:

20 (a) Refusal or denial of license renewal~~;~~~~[to renew licensure];~~

21 (b) Suspension of licensure; or

22 (c) Revocation of licensure;

1 ~~[(5) Documentation sent to the board prior to renewal shall be returned to the licensee by regular~~
2 ~~mail.]~~

3 Section 6.~~[Section 7.]~~ Responsibilities and Reporting Requirements of Providers and Sponsors.

4 (1) A provider of CEUs~~[continuing education]~~ not requiring board approval shall be responsible
5 for providing documentation, as established in Section 4(2)~~[5(2)]~~ of this administrative regulation,
6 directly to the licensee.

7 (2) A sponsor of CEUs~~[continuing education]~~ requiring board approval shall be responsible for
8 submitting a course offering to the board for review and approval before listing or advertising that
9 offering as approved by the board. The board shall provide an identifying number for the sponsor
10 to use in identifying the course.

11 Section 7.~~[Section 8.]~~ ~~[Board to Approve Continuing Education Hours;]~~ Appeal of Denial of
12 Continuing Education Units.

13 (1) If an application for approval of CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ is denied, in whole or part,
14 the applicant or licensee shall have the right to appeal the board's decision.

15 (2) An appeal shall be:

16 (a) In writing, including a basis for the appeal and with additional supporting
17 documentation as needed for reconsideration;

18 (b) Received by the board within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the decision
19 denying approval of CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~; and

20 (c) Conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.

21 Section 8.~~[Section 9.]~~ Waiver or Extensions of Continuing Education.

(1) On application, the board may grant a waiver or extension of the continuing education requirements ~~[or an extension of time within which to fulfill the requirements]~~ in the following cases:

(a) Medical disability of the licensee;

(b) Illness of the licensee or an immediate family member; or

(c) Death or serious injury of an immediate family member.

(2) A written request for waiver or extension of time involving medical disability or illness shall be:

(a) Submitted by the licensee~~[person holding licensure]~~; and

(b) Accompanied by a verifying document signed by a licensed physician which includes the NPI number.

(3) A board approved~~[A]~~ waiver ~~[of]~~ or extension of time ~~[within which]~~ to fulfill the minimum CEU~~[continuing education]~~ requirements shall not exceed one (1) year.

Section 9.~~[Section 10.]~~ Continuing Education Requirements for ~~[a Person on]~~ Inactive Status or ~~[Holding]~~ Interim Licensure.

(1) Except as provided by subsection (3) of this section, the CEU~~[continuing education]~~ requirements established in Section 2 of this administrative regulation shall be waived for a licensee on inactive status during the ~~[time]~~ period the licensee remains inactive. A licensee~~[person]~~ on inactive status who requests reactivation shall meet the requirements of Section 10.~~[Section 11]~~ of this administrative regulation.

(2) The CEU~~[continuing education]~~ requirements established in Section 2 of this administrative regulation shall not apply to an~~[a person holding]~~ interim licensee~~[licensure]~~.

(3) A licensee on inactive status shall submit proof of thirty (30) CEUs, including two (2) hours of ethics~~[hours of continuing education]~~ if applying for a third consecutive biennial renewal under inactive status. For subsequent renewals, an inactive licensee shall obtain thirty (30) CEUs~~[hours of continuing education]~~ for every six (6) years on inactive status. These hours shall be obtained within the twenty-four (24) months preceding~~[no more than two (2) years prior to]~~ the six (6) year deadline. ~~[Two (2) of these hours shall be focused on ethics.]~~

Section 10.~~[Section 11.]~~ Continuing Education Requirements for Reinstatement or Reactivation of Licensure.

(1) A person requesting licensure reinstatement or reactivation ~~[of licensure]~~ shall submit evidence of thirty (30) CEUs~~[hours of continuing education]~~ within the twenty-four (24) month period immediately preceding the application submittal~~[date on which the request for reinstatement or reactivation is submitted to the board]~~.

~~[(2) If the person seeking reinstatement or reactivation does not meet the requirement established in subsection (1) of this section, the board shall reinstate or reactivate licensure, and the person shall obtain thirty (30) hours of continuing education within twelve (12) months of the date on which licensure is reinstated.]~~

(2)~~[(3)]~~ The CEUs~~[continuing education hours]~~ received in compliance with this section shall be in addition to the CEU~~[continuing education]~~ requirements established in Section 2 of this administrative regulation and shall not be used to comply with the requirements of that section.

Section 11. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Application for Continuing Education Program Approval", form DPL-SLPA-12, July 2026, is incorporated by reference.

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APPROVED:

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