

This is an amendment to 16.2.9 NMAC, Sections 8 and 9, effective 03-02-2014.

16.2.9.8 CONTINUING EDUCATION:

A. A doctor of oriental medicine shall complete continuing education in oriental medicine equivalent to that required by the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine (NCCAOM). A doctor of oriental medicine shall submit to the board at the time of license renewal either of the following:

(1) proof of continuing NCCAOM recertification in oriental medicine, acupuncture or Chinese herbology; or

(2) proof of completion of 15 hours annually, or 60 hours every four years, [~~of 60 hours~~] of NCCAOM approved continuing education courses.

B. A doctor of oriental medicine who is a board approved examiner, examiner supervisor, or examiner trainer, for the clinical skills examination, shall be granted continuing education credit for time spent functioning as an examiner or training to be an examiner. This also applies to an observing board member who has completed the training. The continuing education credit is limited to six hours per year.

C. The board shall annually audit a random 10 percent of continuing education documentation to determine the validity of the documentation.

D. A doctor of oriental medicine who provides the board with false information or makes a false statement to the board may be subject to disciplinary action, including denial, suspension or revocation of licensure, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 61-14A-17, and the Uniform Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-1-1, et seq.

E. A doctor of oriental medicine shall maintain an understanding of the current act and rules. [16.2.9.8 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 2.9.8, 12-1-01; A, 10-1-03; A, 02-15-05; A, 9-25-06; A, 11-28-09; A/E, 06-15-10; A/E, 06-15-10; Re-pr, 11-28-10; A, 02-08-13; A, 03-02-14]

16.2.9.9 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LICENSEES CERTIFIED FOR EXPANDED PRACTICE:

In addition to the continuing education requirements listed in 16.2.9.8 NMAC, doctors of oriental medicine previously certified in expanded practice [~~shall acquire 14 hours of continuing education every two years, beginning August 1, 2009. Beginning August 1, 2013,~~] are subject to the following requirements [will be in effect] beginning August 1, 2013:

A. a doctor of oriental medicine certified for expanded practice in one or more areas as defined in 16.2.19 NMAC shall complete continuing education hours as follows:

(1) three hours every three years for recertification in basic injection therapy;

(2) [~~nine~~] seven hours every three years [~~to be recertified~~] for recertification in injection therapy;

(3) [~~nine~~] seven hours every three years [~~to be recertified~~] for recertification in intravenous therapies;

and

(4) [~~nine~~] seven hours every three years [~~to be recertified~~] for recertification in bioidentical hormone therapy;

(5) except that a [~~DOM~~] doctor of oriental medicine recertifying in injection therapy or intravenous therapy need not complete an additional three hours in basic injection therapy; and

(6) doctors of oriental medicine [~~previous~~] previously certified as Rx1 [~~will~~] shall need [~~nine~~] seven hours, every three years, [~~to be recertified~~] for recertification in prolotherapy as specified in 16.2.19.16 NMAC;

B. license holders who are newly certified for expanded practice [~~will be required to~~] shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated basis during the first [~~year of recertification and then each three years thereafter~~] years(s) of certification, and then shall comply with recertification requirements every three years thereafter;

C. the continuing education shall be about substances in the board approved appropriate expanded practice formulary or formularies defined in 16.2.20 NMAC or updated information in improving current techniques or new and advanced techniques that are part of the expanded practice certification as defined in 16.2.19 NMAC;

D. continuing education courses, including teachers, shall be approved by the board:

(1) course providers requesting approval for Rx continuing education certification shall be required to submit the following materials to the board for approval no less than 45 days prior to the date of the course offering and the materials shall include:

(a) an application fee as defined in Subsection C of 16.2.10.9 NMAC;

(b) course description, including objectives, subject matter, number of hours, date time and

location; and

(c) curriculum vitae of the instructor(s) including previous experience of at least five years in subjects they are engaged to teach;

(2) individual practitioners requesting approval for a specific course that has not already been approved as defined in Paragraph (1) of Subsection D of 16.2.9.9 NMAC, for their own personal continuing education shall submit a copy of the course brochure including a course description, subject matter, contact hours, and curriculum vitae of the instructor 45 days prior to the course offering;

(3) the continuing education committee shall meet each month on or before the 15th to review course materials; electronic review is acceptable;

(4) a doctor of oriental medicine certified for expanded practice in basic injection, injection or intravenous therapies must remain current in basic life support, BLS, and CPR with proof of having completed an American heart association approved course; hands-on supervised practice of clinical skills is required; the didactic portion may be completed on-line; a current copy of this card shall be submitted to the board at the time of each triennial expanded practice certification renewal; and

E. teaching an approved continuing education course shall be equivalent to taking the approved course; continuing education that is appropriate for regularly licensed doctors of oriental medicine shall not be considered as fulfilling the above requirements for expanded practice continuing education; the board may determine specific mandatory courses that must be completed; specific mandatory courses shall be noticed at least six months prior to the date of the course; exceptions to being required to complete a specific mandatory course may be made for good cause.

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