

WAC 246-834-355 Continuing education. (1) A licensed midwife shall complete 30 hours of continuing education (CE) every three years and must comply with WAC 246-12-170 through 246-12-240. CE course work must contribute to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed midwife.

(a) A minimum of 25 hours must be directly related to the clinical practice of midwifery. A licensed midwife who has a license extension shall complete a minimum of three hours of CE relevant to the license extension or extensions they hold as part of the 25-hour requirement.

(b) In addition to the 25 hours of clinical practice CE in (a) of this subsection, a licensed midwife shall complete two hours of health equity CE every four years per chapter 43.70 RCW and in compliance with WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

(c) Any remaining hours may be in professional development activities that enhance the practice of the licensed midwife.

(2) A licensed midwife shall obtain CE hours through one or more of the categories listed below. Documentation for all activities must include licensee's name, date of activity, and number of hours. Additional specific documentation is defined below:

(a) Acceptable CE course work. A minimum of 10 hours is required per reporting period in acceptable CE course work. For the purposes of this section, acceptable CE course work means courses offered or authorized by industry recognized local, state, private, national and international organizations, agencies or institutions of higher learning. The department will not authorize or approve specific CE courses. The required documentation for this category is a certificate or documentation of attendance.

(b) Course work or classes offered by an accredited college or university. The course work must provide skills and knowledge beyond entry-level skills. The required documentation for this category is a transcript or documentation of attendance. A maximum of 10 hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(c) Research, writing, or teaching. The required documentation for this category is a two-page synopsis for each activity written by the licensee. A maximum of 15 hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(d) Documented self-study or life experience. The required documentation for this category is a two-page synopsis of each activity written by the licensee. A maximum of five hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(e) Serving on a professional board, committee, disciplinary panel, or association. The required documentation for this category is a letter or other documentation from the organization. A maximum of five hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(f) Professional manuscript review. The required documentation for this category is a letter from the publishing organization verifying review of the manuscript. A maximum of 10 hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(g) Professional conference or workshop. The required documentation for this category is a certificate or documentation of attendance. A maximum of 10 hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(3) Continuing education credit will not be given for the following:

(a) A cardiopulmonary resuscitation course;

(b) A neonatal resuscitation course; or

(c) Participation in data submission on perinatal outcomes.

(4) The department may verify completion of continuing competency hours.

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