

WAC 246-835-060 Continuing education. State-certified birth doulas shall complete 10 hours of continuing education every renewal cycle in the form of continuing education and leadership development activities. The credential holder shall submit documentation upon request as required by chapter 246-12 WAC.

(1) Eight hours of continuing education and leadership development activities must be obtained through one of the activities listed in (a) through (f) of this subsection. A minimum of five hours must directly relate to the practice of a birth doula as defined in chapter 18.47 RCW. Any remaining hours may be in leadership development activities that enhance the practice of the birth doula. Documentation for all activities must include credential holder's name, date of activity, and number of hours. Approved continued education activities include:

- (a) Continuing education course work;
- (b) Employer sponsored in-service training or profession-related study groups;
- (c) Attendance at a profession-related conference or workshop presented by a profession-related organization;
- (d) Online courses and webinars;
- (e) Self-study of profession-related journal articles, textbooks or chapters, or multimedia and digital media educational materials. Documentation for this is a typed, one-page synopsis written by the credential holder; and
- (f) Service on a profession-related board, committee, collective, disciplinary panel, or association.

(2) In addition to the eight hours of continued education in subsection (1) of this section, a birth doula 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.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.47 RCW and 2022 c 217. WSR 23-18-048, § 246-835-060, filed 8/30/23, effective 10/1/23.]