CME Requirements for Relicensure in Connecticut:
Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers

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Physicians and APRNs
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• What is needed?
  ▫ Education in an area of provider’s practice
  ▫ Must reflect the individual’s needs in order to meet the needs of the public

• How much is needed?
  ▫ 50 hours
  ▫ Minimum of 1 hour in each mandated topic

• When is it needed?
  ▫ First renewal period where CME is needed (2nd renewal)
  ▫ In the 24 months preceding annual re-licensure
  ▫ Mandatory topics @ least once every 6 years
What are the CT State Mandated Topics?
For Physicians & Surgeons

- **Infectious Diseases** *(1 hour)*
  - including HIV & AIDS
- **Risk Management** *(1 hour)*
  - including pain management & prescribing controlled substances
- **Sexual Assault** *(1 hour)*
- **Domestic Violence** *(1 hour)*
- **Cultural Competency** *(1 hour)*
- **Behavioral Health** *(2 hours)*
  - including at least 2 hours in mental health conditions common to veterans & their family members
What are the CT State Mandated Topics?

For APRNs

- **Pharmacotherapeutics** *(5 hours)*
- **Infectious Diseases** *(1 hour)*
  - including HIV & AIDS
- **Risk Management** *(1 hour)*
- **Substance Abuse** *(1 hour)*
  - including pain management & prescribing controlled substances
- **Sexual Assault** *(1 hour)*
- **Domestic Violence** *(1 hour)*
- **Cultural Competency** *(1 hour)*
- **Behavioral Health** *(2 hours)*
  - including at least 2 hours in mental health conditions common to veterans & their family members
As of 10-01-16, Veterans’ Behavioral Health Education must include...

- Determining whether a patient is a veteran or family member of a veteran
- Screening for mental health conditions prevalent in veterans, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression, and grief
- Suicide prevention training
CME Waivers and Exemptions

• **Exemptions**
  - When applying renewal for the FIRST time
  - Not actively practicing
  - Medical disability or illness

• **Waivers**
  - 10 hours only
  - Documented service as member of:
    - CT Medical Examining Board (physicians)
    - Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing (APRNs)
    - Medical hearing panel (physicians)
    - DPH boards and commissions
Required Documentation and Record Retention

• Providers will attest to satisfying the continuing education requirements
  ▫ Submit records and certificates ONLY if requested by Department of Public Health
  ▫ Submit within 45 days of DPH request

• **Physicians**: Retain records and certificates for a minimum of 6 years from the year AFTER the activity was completed

• **APRNs**: Retain records and certificates for a minimum of 3 years from the year AFTER the activity was completed
Physician Assistants
What are the CT CME Requirements for PA’s?

- Pain Management and Prescribing Controlled Substances
  - every 2 years

- Attest to meeting requirements for renewal

- Fulfill CME requirements of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

- Pass any examination the NCCPA may require
NCCPA CME Requirements

• **10-year Recertification (began phasing in, 2014)**
  ▫ Pass recertification examination every 10 years
  ▫ 100 hours logged with NCCPA by Dec 31st of each even year of certification cycle (5 cycles)
    ◦ 50 hours Category 1
    ◦ 50 hours Category 1 OR Category 2
  ▫ NCCPA Certification Maintenance Fee by Dec 31st of recertification year

• **6-year Recertification (began phasing out, 2014)**
  ▫ 100 hours logged with NCCPA by Dec 31st of each even year of certification cycle (3 cycles)
    ◦ 50 hours Category 1
    ◦ 50 hours Category 1 OR Category 2
  ▫ NCCPA Certification Maintenance Fee by Dec 31st of recertification year
NCCPA Category 1 CME

• **Regular** CME Credit from the following:
  ▫ AAPA Category 1 CME credit from the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)
  ▫ Category 1-A credit from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
  ▫ Prescribed Credit from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
  ▫ *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™* by the Accreditation Council on CME (ACCME) or a recognized state medical society
  ▫ Royal College MOC credits by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
  ▫ Mainpro C or Mainpro-M1 CPD credits by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)
  ▫ Mainpro C or Mainpro-M1 CPD credits by the Physician Assistant Certification Council of Canada (PACCC)
  ▫ ECMECs from the European Union of Medical Specialists/European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EUMS/EACCME)

• **Self Assessment** CME
  ▫ **ONLY** AAPA approved sponsors

• **Performance Improvement** CME
  ▫ **ONLY** accepted from AAPA, ABMS, or AOA approved sponsors
NCCPA Category 2 CME

Any educational activity that relates to medicine, patient care, or the role of the PA that has not been designated for Category 1 credit
NCCPA Bonus Credit

• In recognition of the value of very interactive types of CME

• 50% additional credit for all activities designated for self-assessment credit

• The first 20 PI-CME credits logged during every two-year cycle will be *doubled*
Required Documentation and Record Retention

• All credits must be logged in NCCPA website

• NCCPA randomly audits providers
  ▫ Proof of credits documented for past 2 years
  ▫ If fail:
    ◦ Must retake CME hours
    ◦ Will be audited in NEXT 2 year cycle
    ◦ Will be audited in one of 3 following cycles

• Retain current and prior cycles’ worth of education documentation
References


• Physician CME Requirements

• APRN CME Requirements

• PA CME Requirements
For any questions...

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