

**Continuing Medical Education (CME)
 Licensure Requirements
 Overview by State**

State	CME Required	Number of Hours and Category/Content Requirement	Legislative Activity
AL	YES	12 hours every year; all must be AMA Category 1	
AK	YES	50 hours every 2 years; all must be AMA Category 1 or AOA Category 1 or 2	
AZ-M	YES	40 hours every 2 years	
AZ-O	YES	40 hours every 2 years; 12 must be AOA Category 1-A	
AR	YES	20 hours per year; all must be Category 1	
CA	YES	100 hours every 4 years; all must be Category 1; a one-time 12 hour course on pain management; General Internists and Family Physicians with 25% or more patients over the age of 65 must complete at least 20 hours annually in geriatric medicine.	
CA-O	YES	150 hours within a 3 year period; minimum of 60 hours must be AOA Category 1-A or 1-B; a one-time 12 hour course on pain management.	
CO	NO		
CT	YES	50 hours every 2 years	
DE	YES	40 Hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
DC	YES	50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
FL-M	YES	40 hours every 2 years; 1 hour of HIV/AIDS or 1 hour end of life/palliative care; 1 hour domestic violence or 1 hour of end-of-life/palliative care; 2 hours in medical errors education every 2 years; all must be Category 1 except for domestic violence.	
FL-O	YES	40 hours total every 2 years - 20 "AOA" category 1; 1hour risk management; 1hour HIV/AIDS; 1 hour domestic violence; 1 hour Florida laws/rules; 1 hour managed care; 2 hours medical errors prevention. Physicians may complete a one-hour CME course on end-of-life and palliative health care in lieu of the required hours for HIV/AIDS or Domestic violence. 8 hours can be home study courses. The mandatory hours must be live participatory.	
GA	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	2008 HB 943 - States that the initial requirements and continuing competency requirements for licensure of physicians and physicians' assistants, among other health professionals, shall include the completion of a course in cultural competency at least once every two years. The respective professional

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			licensing boards shall design such a course to address the problem of disparities in medical treatment decisions based on race, ethnicity, and gender. PENDING
GU	YES	100 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
HI	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
ID	YES	40 Hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
IL	YES	150 hours every 3 years; 60 hours must be Category 1	
IN	NO		
IA	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
KS	YES	50 hours every year; 20 must be Category 1	
KY	YES	60 hours every 3 years; 30 must be Category 1; a minimum of 2 hours must be acquired once every 10 years in HIV/AIDS education	
LA	YES	20 hours per year; all must be Category 1	
ME-M	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 40 must be Category 1	
ME-O	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 20 must be Category 1	
MD	YES	50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
MA	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 40 must be Category 1; 10 must be in the area of Risk Management	<p>2007 HB 1913 - Requires medical providers to complete no less than 10 hours of training on effective pain management, identification of patients at high risk for prescription drug abuse and other aspects of drug abuse. REPLACED BY HB 4529</p> <p>2007 HB 2087 (HB 2162) - States that no licensed health provider shall obtain a license or registration, or renewal of said license unless the health care provider has demonstrated that s/he has received appropriate training and cme on HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, the diagnosis and treatment of HIV. PENDING</p> <p>2007 HB 2176 - Requires prescribing physicians seeking to obtain or renew a Massachusetts Controlled Substances license to demonstrate completion of 6 hours of training in effective pain management, identification of patients at high risk for substance abuse and other aspects of prescription medication abuse. PENDING</p> <p>2008 HB 4529 - States that prescribing practitioners seeking to obtain or renew a professional license shall be required to demonstrate completion of no less than 10 hours of training in effective pain management including identification of patients at high risk for substance abuse and other aspects of prescription medication abuse. The Department of Public Health shall develop a program that achieves the stated purposes. PENDING</p>

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			2007 SB 1265 - Requires the Board of Registration in Medicine to promulgate rules and regulations requiring their holders applying for a renewal registration or license on or after January 1, 2005, to certify that said holder has taken two pharmacological courses or seminars or utilizes a computer order entry system in their daily practice. PENDING
MI-M	YES	150 hours every 3 years; 75 must be Category 1 or 6 (AMA)	
MI-O	YES	150 hours every 3 years; 60 must be Category 1 or 3 (AOA 1)	
MN	YES	75 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1	
MS	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
MO		50 hours every 2 years; all must be AMA Category 1 or AOA Category 1A or 2A; or 40 hours is post-tested	
MT	NO		
NE	YES	50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
NV-M	YES	40 hours every 2 years; 20 hours must be in scope of practice of specialty; 2 must be in medical ethics	
NV-O	YES	35 hours every year; minimum of 10 must be Category 1	
NH	YES	150 hours every 3 years; 60 must be Category 1	2008 HB 1262 - Requires that continuing medical education requirements for physicians be completed every 2 years at the biennial license renewal. Also states the board shall require each licensee to show proof at least at every biennial license renewal that the licensee has completed 100 hours of approved continuing medical education program within the preceding 2 years. PENDING
NJ	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 40 must be Category I; 60 hours can be Category II.	2008 AB 118 (SB 96) - Permits physicians to earn continuing medical education credits, in whole or in part, by providing free medical care to low-income, uninsured patients. PENDING 2008 AB 2319 - Requires each person licensed as a physician, as a condition for biennial registration, to complete 10 hours of continuing education credits in suicide prevention. PENDING
NM-M	YES	75 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1	
NM-O	YES	75 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1	
NY	NO		2007 AB 4743 - Requires that every physician, physician assistant, and special assistant to complete course work or training regarding pain management every four years. An Advisory Committee on Pain Management Education is created to advise the Commissioner of Health and the Commissioner of Education in the development and implementation of educational standards for this section. PENDING 2007 AB 4744 - States that physician education

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			<p>includes education and training in pain management and end-of-life care, including, but not limited to: palliative medicine, pain, neuropsychologic and other symptoms, ethics and the law, patient and family perspectives on end-of-life care, acupuncture treatment, and clinical communication skills. PENDING</p> <p>2007 AB 6388 – Requires physicians and other health care professionals to complete course work or training regarding cultural awareness and competence in the non-discriminatory provision of medical services every two years. PENDING</p> <p>2007 AB 6671 (SB 2267) - Requires physicians, chiropractors, dentists, registered nurses, podiatrists, optometrists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and dental hygienists to have completed two hours of coursework or training regarding the identification and reporting of elderly abuse and maltreatment when applying for or renewing a license. PENDING</p> <p>2007 AB 7279 - Requires every physician, physician assistant and specialist assistant to complete coursework or training regarding geriatric medicine every three years. Also requires all students who are enrolled in a course of study to receive training as a physician, physician assistant, or specialist assistant to receive training in geriatric medicine. PENDING</p> <p>2007 AB 7517 (SB 3500) - Requires registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physicians, physician assistants and specialist assistants to complete approved domestic violence training or course work. PENDING</p> <p>2007 SB 1207 - Requires every physician to successfully complete, within the three-year period immediately preceding the physician's license renewal, a course or courses of continuing education in professional medical competency. The Commissioner of Health, with the cooperation of the Board for Medicine, shall develop a course of instruction in medical risk management to be provided to students in medical school and to physicians as part of licensing requirements. PENDING</p> <p>2008 SB 7270 - Requires every physician and other designated health care providers who provide direct frontline medical services to patients to, on or before July 1, 2009 and every two years thereafter, complete course work or</p>

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			training regarding cultural awareness and competence in the nondiscriminatory provision of medical services. The Department shall provide an exemption from this requirement to anyone who requests such an exemption and who meets other stipulations. PENDING
NC	YES	150 hours every 3 years; 60 of those hours must be in educational provider-initiated CME	
ND	YES	60 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1	
OH	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 40 hours must be Category 1	2007 SB 68 - Requires the Medical Board to adopt rules to establish the number of hours of instruction in cultural competency an applicant must complete to be eligible for licensure, the number of hours of continuing medical education in cultural competency required for renewal of a license, and the criteria by which the board can waive completion of these hours. PENDING
OK-M	YES	60 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1	
OK-O	YES	16 hours every year; all must be AOA Category 1-A or 1-B; 1 hour must be on prescribing controlled substances	
OR	YES	All licensees of the Board of Medical Examiners, will complete mandatory continuing medical education (CME) in the subjects of pain management and/or the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients as follows: (a) A one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Department of Human Services; and (b) A minimum of 6 (six) continuing medical education credit hours in the subjects of pain management and/or the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients. Any combination of CME coursework focusing on pain management and/or treatment of terminally ill and dying patients may be used to fulfill this requirement. (7 hours by 2009)	
PA-M	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 20 hours must be Category 1; 10 hours must be patient safety	2007 HB 489 – Provides for biennial renewal of certain licenses for volunteer health services. Holders of volunteer licenses shall be exempt from renewal fees. Volunteer physician licensees shall complete a minimum of 20 hours of AMA category 2 activities during the preceding biennial period. PENDING 2007 SB 448 - Requires physicians to complete one-hour of CME pertaining to domestic violence as part of the biennial licensure period. PENDING
PA-O	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 20 hours must be Category 1; 10 hours must be patient safety	
PR	YES	60 hours every 3 years; 40 must be Category 1	
RI	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
SC	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	2007 HB 3912 - Requires that maintenance of

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			specialty certification include 150 hours of Category I continuing medical education in the 3 years preceding the date of the application and that these hours must be approved by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association or other national organization approved by the board. Also states that 75% of these hours must be related to the applicant's area of specialty. PENDING
SD	NO		
TN-M	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1; physicians that provide intractable pain treatment must have specialized CME in pain management.	
TN-O	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be AOA 1-A or 2-A	
TX	YES	24 hours every year; 12 must be Category 1; 1 hour must involve Medical Ethics	
UT-M	YES	40 hours every 2 years; 20 must be Category 1	
UT-O	YES	40 hours every 2 years; 20 must be Category 1	
VT-M	NO		
VT-O	YES	30 hours every 2 years; 40% must be osteopathic medical education	
VA	YES	60 hours every 2 years; 30 must be Category 1	
VI	YES	25 hours every year; all must be Category 1	
WA-M	YES	200 hours every 4 years; 80 must be Category 1	
WA-O	YES	150 hours every 3 years; 60 must be Category 1	
WV-M	YES	50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1. One-time requirement of 2 hours on end of life care including pain management.	
WV-O	YES	32 hours every 2 years	
WI	YES	30 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1	
WY	YES	60 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1.	