

WAC 246-834-355 Continuing education. (1) A licensed midwife shall complete thirty hours of continuing education (CE) every three years and must comply with chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 7. CE course work must contribute to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed midwife.

(a) A minimum of twenty-five hours must be directly related to the clinical practice of midwifery.

(b) 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 ten 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 ten 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 fifteen 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 ten 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 ten 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) Verification of completion of continuing competency hours will begin on January 1, 2019.

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