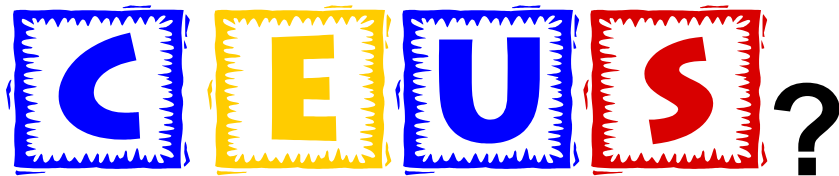


Does this course have



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Does a course or conference I am taking have continuing education credits? Example: BDLS, Basic Disaster Life Support and ADLS, Advanced Disaster Life Support courses. Why are some courses not ok for respiratory credit? Do they have to be submitted to the board for education credits?

I asked Frank Freihaut, RRT to answer these questions; he is the chairman for the Nebraska Board for Respiratory Care.

First as the Regulations state...

1. **The Board does not pre-approve any courses.**
2. **Courses must have a respiratory care focus.**

That being said, the precedence has been set that:

If a course or class is approved by the AARC, (American Association for Respiratory Care), that the NE board accepts those credits.

The exception would be if there was course work that had nothing to do with Respiratory Care.

Nebraska Respiratory Care Board has gone to a CE program of Attestation. Meaning it is on the RCP to judge that a class or course fits the accepted guidelines of pertaining to the practice of Respiratory Care. The board simply **audits a certain percentage of renewal applications and then looks at the course outlines/objectives to see that they did pertain to the practice of Respiratory Care.**

I am not aware of the AARC approving the BDLS (**Basic Disaster Life Support**) and ADLS, (**Advanced Disaster Life Support**), courses though, and that is probably because no one submitted them. You can keep the evidence that you have attended and submit that information to the state IF you are audited. (In this case it would also be wise to keep the objectives of the offering to support “pertaining to the practice of Respiratory Care”)

If you need further clarification please contact me again. Frank Freihaut RRT, AE-C, the Nebraska Medical Center, Phone 402-552-3374

Excerpts from respiratory therapy licensure bill

162-012.01A Acceptable Continuing Education: **In order for a learning experience to be accepted for renewal or reinstatement of a license, the learning experience must relate to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to the practice of respiratory care and it may focus on research, treatment, documentation, management, or education.**

162-012.01B The Board does not pre-approve continuing education programs but will accept as continuing education for renewal of a license or reinstatement of a license the following learning experiences to include:

1. Programs at State and National association meetings which relate to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to the practice of respiratory care;



2. Formal education courses/presentations in which:

- a. The courses or presentations are formally organized and planned instructional experiences that have a date, location, course title, number of contact hours, signed certificate of attendance, and are open to all licensees;

- b. The objectives relate to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to the practice of respiratory care; and

- c. The instructor has specialized experience or training to meet the objectives of the course.

3. University or college sponsored courses relating to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to the practice of respiratory care. A licensee must provide documentation of successfully completing the course. A licensee's documentation must include an official transcript, and a program outline and/or objectives;

4. Home study where the content of the home study activity relates to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to the practice of respiratory care whether the subject is research, treatment, documentation, education, or management, e.g. videotapes, internet courses, and/or correspondence courses. The program must have a testing mechanism scored by the named study provider. A licensee's documentation must include a certificate of completion, and a program outline and/or objectives;

5. Management courses which relate to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to the practice of respiratory care. A respiratory care practitioner may complete a maximum of four hours of continuing education utilizing management courses each 24 month renewal period. A licensee's documentation must include a certificate of attendance and a program outline and/or objectives;

6. Nationally recognized specialty certification examinations re: Certified Pulmonary Function Technologist (CPFT), Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (RPFT), Neonatal Pediatric Specialist (NPS), Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist (RPGST): A licensee will earn 10 contact hours of continuing education each 24 month renewal period for successful completion of a nationally recognized specialty certification examination related to an area of specialty practice in the field of respiratory care. A licensee's documentation must include a copy of the certification.

7. Basic cardiac life support or advanced cardiac life support for adults and pediatric or neonatal courses.

- a. Maximum of one hour credit for the Basic Cardiac Life Support course during each 24 month renewal period;

- b. Maximum of 12 hours credit for initial ACLS certification course or six hours credit for re-certification during each 24 month renewal period; and

- c. Maximum of 8 hours credit for initial Neonatal Advanced Life Support certification course or four hours credit for recertification during each 24 month renewal period.

d. Maximum of 12 hours credit for Pediatric Advanced Life Support certification course or six hours credit for recertification during each 24 month renewal period.

162-012.01C One hour credit will be awarded for each hour of attendance. Credit will not be awarded for breaks, lunch, or dinner.

162-012.01D One hour credit will be awarded for each hour of scientific presentation by a licensee acting as an essayist or lecturer to licensed respiratory care practitioners if the program relates to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to respiratory care. A licensee may receive continuing education credit for only the initial presentation during a renewal period, with a maximum of four hours of continuing education for presentations in a 24 month renewal period.

NOT ACCEPTED

162-012.01E Non-acceptable Continuing Education: Continuing education credit will not be awarded for programs that do not relate to the theory or clinical application of theory pertaining to the practice of respiratory care including but not limited to:

1. Business communications and operations.
2. Medical terminology and language courses.
3. Courses which deal with personal self-improvement, financial gain, or career options.
4. Courses designed for lay persons.
5. Teaching unlicensed or uncertified persons, conducting research, or publications, nor any preparation for same.
6. Courses less than 60 minutes in duration.
7. Respiratory care on-the-job training.
8. Respiratory care orientation programs or staff meetings, including orientation to new policies, procedures, equipment, forms, responsibilities, services, etc.
9. Presentation made by students.
10. Participation in or attendance at case conferences, grand rounds, or informal presentations.