

OBCE Continuing Education Q & A

- Question:** I am dually licensed (chiropractor and naturopath, acupuncturist, etc.), may I use my continuing education credit from my other profession as credit for my Oregon chiropractic license renewal?

Answer: Yes, as long as the subject matter assists in assuring the competence and skills of the chiropractic physician.
- Question:** A large percentage of my patients are of Hispanic/Latino descent. Would the Board allow continuing education credit for a Spanish class to better communicate with my patients?

Answer: No, these courses do not meet the criteria in OAR 811-015-0025
- Question:** Does the Board maintain restrictions for certain CE possibilities, such as Continuing Medical Education, video credit, CPR/First Aid?

Answer: No. The Board has removed its previous policy restrictions for these opportunities. All 20 hours may be obtained through these resources.
- Question:** Will the Board only accept renewal credit for courses offered through a chiropractic association or CCE accredited chiropractic college?

Answer: The CE resources are NOT limited to colleges and associations. See section (9) of the new rule for possible options.
- Question:** How should I report the number of credit hours in the case of either protocol writing or research projects?

Answer: The rule gives recommendations for appropriate documentation in these instances, refer to section (10) of the rule.
- Question:** I frequently offer continuing education courses for Oregon licensees, and was previously approved by the Board for doing so. What do these changes mean for me as a "sponsor?"

Answer: As a sponsor, you no longer need to have Oregon's approval prior to presenting a seminar. The Board has halted all processing of applications for approval. Keep in mind, the material must assist in assuring the competence and skills of the chiropractic physician. You must still provide a verification of attendance to all attendees in a timely manner. You may also continue to request from the OBCE (for a nominal fee) a directory of all active chiropractors for advertising your program. A minor disadvantage is that future seminars will not be added to the Board's CE web site. However, any previously approved programs will remain online during the transition period.
- Question:** I am an instructor at a chiropractic college, will the Board allow CE credit for the actual preparation of my class AND for the actual presentation?

Answer: The Board limits the credit allowed to those hours actually spent teaching the course; teacher assistants (TAs) are not allowed CE credit.
- Question:** I am a new licensee. How will I find what programs exist for continuing education if the Board is no longer maintaining a database of possibilities?

Answer: To start, you may view the OBCE's web page - sponsors offering the mandated subjects are listed with their contact information.