TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD RULES Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, Part 9

Proposed Changes

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183.20. Continuing Acupuncture Education.

- (a)(No change)
- (b) Minimum Continuing Acupuncture Education. As a prerequisite to the annual registration of the license of an acupuncturist, the acupuncturist shall complete 17 hours of continuing acupuncture education (CAE) each year.
- (1) The required hours shall be from courses that <u>meet one of the following criteria at the time</u> the hours are taken:
- (A) are designated or otherwise approved for credit by the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners [at the time the courses were taken] based on a review and recommendation of the course content by the Education Committee of the board as described in subsection (n) of this section;
- (B) are offered by approved providers; [or]
- (C) have been approved for CAE credit for a minimum of three years by another state acupuncture board having first gone through a formal approval process;
 - (D) approved by the NCCAOM (National Certification Commission Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine) for professional development activity credit; or
 - (E) are provided outside of the United States by a provider of continuing acupuncture education that is acceptable to the Board.
- (2) At least eight hours shall be in general acupuncture in order to ensure that a licensee's CAE is comprehensive and that the licensee's overall acupuncture knowledge, skills, and competence are enhanced.
- (3) At least one of the required hours shall be from a course in ethics.
- (4) At least two of the required hours shall be in herbology. More than two hours shall be expected of a licensee whose primary practice includes prescriptions of herbs.
- (5) Effective for licensees applying for renewal of their licensees on or after November 30, 2010, at least one hour of biomedicine.
- (6) No more than two of the required hours may be from courses that primarily relate to practice enhancement or business or office administration.
- (7) Courses may be taught through live lecture, distance learning, or the Internet.
- (8) No more than eight hours completed under subparagraphs (b)(1)(D) and (b)(1)(E) may be applied to the total hours required each registration period.
- (c) (v) (No change)