

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Requirements

A licensee holding an active license to practice behavioral health in this state shall complete 30 clock hours of continuing education as prescribed under R4-6-802 between the date the Board received the licensee's last renewal application and the next license expiration date.

For each license period, a licensee (LBSW, LMSW, LCSW, LAC, LPC, LAMFT, LMFT, LACT, LAAC, or LIAC) shall report:

1. A minimum of three clock hours of continuing education sponsored, approved, or offered by an entity listed in:
 - a. Behavioral health ethics or mental health law, and
 - b. Cultural competency and diversity;
2. Completion of the three-clock-hour [Arizona Statutes/Regulations Tutorial](#).

The Board has determined that an addiction counselor (LACT, LAAC, and LIAC) shall ensure that at least 20 of the 30 CEUs are in the following categories:

1. Pharmacology and psychopharmacology,
2. Addiction processes,
3. Models of substance use disorder and addiction treatment,
4. Relapse prevention,
5. Interdisciplinary approaches and teams in substance use disorder and addiction treatment,
6. Substance use disorder and addiction assessment and diagnostic criteria,
7. Appropriate use of substance use disorder and addiction treatment modalities,
8. Substance use disorder and addiction as it related to diverse populations,
9. Substance use disorder and addiction treatment and prevention,
10. Clinical application of current substance use disorder and addiction research, or
11. Co-occurring disorders.

R4-6-802(B) For each license period, a licensee may report a maximum of:

1. Ten clock hours of continuing education for first-time presentations by the licensee that deal with current developments, skills, procedures, or treatments related to the practice of behavioral health. The licensee may claim one clock hour for each hour spent preparing, writing, and presenting information;
2. Six clock hours of continuing education for attendance at a Board meeting where the licensee is not:
 - a. A member of the Board,
 - b. The subject of any matter on the agenda, or
 - c. The complainant in any matter that is on the agenda; and
3. Ten clock hours of continuing education for service as a Board or ARC member

The Board does not pre-approve continuing education. Our rules state that continuing education must relate to the scope of practice and maintain or improve the skill and competency of the licensee.

Please see Board Rule [A.A.C. R4-6-802. Continuing Education](#) regarding the acceptable requirement for CEU credits.

R4-6-802 (D) A licensee shall participate in continuing education that relates to the scope of practice of the license held and to maintaining or improving the skill and competency of the licensee. The Board has determined that in addition to the continuing education listed in subsections (B) and (C), the following continuing education meets this standard:

1. Activities sponsored or approved by national, regional, or state professional associations or organizations in the specialties of marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, social work, substance abuse counseling, or in the allied professions of psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, psychology, or pastoral counseling;
2. Programs in behavioral health sponsored or approved by a regionally accredited college or university;
3. In-service training, courses, or workshops in behavioral health sponsored by federal, state, or local social service agencies, public school systems, or licensed health facilities or hospitals;
4. Graduate or undergraduate courses in behavioral health offered by a regionally accredited college or university. One semester-credit hour or the hour equivalent of one semester hour equals 15 clock hours of continuing education;
5. Publishing a paper, report, or book that deals with current developments, skills, procedures, or treatments related to the practice of behavioral health. For the license period in which publication occurs, the licensee may claim one clock hour for each hour spent preparing and writing materials; and organization
6. Programs in behavioral health sponsored by a state superior court, adult probation department, or juvenile probation department.