
Guide for Osteopathic

American Osteopathic Association
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CME Guide for Osteopathic Physicians – 2010-2012

CME Requirements

All members of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), other than those exempted, are required to participate in the Continuing Medical Education (CME) program and to meet specified CME credit hour requirements for the 2010-2012 CME cycle.

One hundred and twenty credits of CME are required for membership in the American Osteopathic Association within this three-year cycle. Of this total, thirty CME credits must be obtained in Category 1-A- and the remaining ninety credit hours of the CME requirement may be satisfied with either Category 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, or 2-B credits. Physicians entering the program in mid cycle will have their

II. Category 1-B Credit

Category 1-B credit will be awarded for the following:

A. Publications, Inspections, Examinations, and Committee Meetings

Development and publication of scientific papers and electronically communicated osteopathic educational programs; serving as an osteopathic healthcare facility, college accreditation, internship, residency or OPTI surveyor or consultant; conducting, and developing certifying board examinations; participating on an osteopathic state licensing professional review board; and for healthcare committee and departmental meetings which review and evaluate patient care whether the committee work is in an osteopathic or allopathic institution.

B. Osteopathic Preceptoring

Osteopathic physicians serving as preceptors in any AOA approved osteopathic medical education program may be granted Category 1-B credit. A maximum of sixty AOA Category 1-B credits for preceptoring may be applied to the 120-hour requirement.

No credit is available for preceptoring physician assistants, nurse practitioners, or allopathic medical students.

C. Certification Examination Credit

Fifteen Category 1-B credits will be awarded to AOA members who pass an AOA recertification examination or obtain a certification of added qualification.

D. Activities in Non-AOA Accredited Institutions

Category 1-B will be granted to osteopathic physicians who participate in non-AOA accredited institution/hospital activities such as: hospital staff activities, educational lectures, and lecturing when the institution/hospital is an AOA recognized associate institution/hospital that trains osteopathic students, interns and/or residents. Under this rule, a non-AOA accredited institution/hospital is defined as an institution/hospital that is directly associated with an OPTI for purposes of training osteopathic students, interns and/or residents. Accreditation of the hospital/institution by the Healthcare Facility Accreditation Program, HFAP, of the AOA is not required.

E. Non-Osteopathic CME Programs

The Council on Continuing Medical Education may recognize allopathic specialty or subspecialty programs for Category 1-B credit, when there is essentially no equivalent course content available within the osteopathic profession and that such recognition will apply to all physicians in that specialty or subspecialty. These courses must be provided by an ACCME accredited provider, be AAFP approved, or provided by an internationally known sponsor acceptable to the CCME.

To request consideration of a non-osteopathic course for Category 1-B credit, write to the Division of CME at AOA Headquarters in Chicago and provide a copy of the, Non-osteopathic programs - Category 1B, form, available at, www.do-online.org along with the printed program (or syllabus) and documentation of attendance.

The AOA performs-reviews of such courses as a member service. Whereas, non-members who request AOA Category 1-B credit for allopathic sponsored CME programs must submit an application fee of \$25.00 and a \$10.00 processing fee for each program submitted for review.

F. Journal Reading

Osteopathic physicians can earn two credit hours of AOA Category 1-B credit for reading the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association (JAOA) and other osteopathic journals approved by the CCME and passing the respective CME quiz with a minimum grade of 70%.

G. Test Construction, Committee Work

A. Interactive CME

3. Risk management programs will be granted Category 1-B credit if they are administrative in nature and sponsored by an AOA-accredited Category 1 CME sponsor.

4. Risk management programs will be granted Category 2-B credit if they are administrative in nature and are provided by an ACCME-sponsor or AAFP-approved.

5. A maximum of five CME credits may be earned for risk management courses per year.

B. Managed Care Programs

1. Managed care programs will be granted Category 1-A if they are sponsored by an AOA-accredited Category 1 CME sponsor and meet the 1-A faculty/hours requirement for AOA Category 1-A credit.

2. Managed care programs will be granted Category 1-B credit, if they are sponsored by an AOA-accredited Category 1 CME sponsor and the program does not meet the AOA Category 1-A faculty/hours requirement.

3. Managed care programs will be granted Category 2-A credit if they are sponsored by an ACCME-sponsor or AAFP-approved.

4. A maximum of five CME credits may be earned for managed care courses per year.

VI. CME Credit for Standardized Life Support Courses

The following standardized life support courses are eligible for Category 1-B credit. Credits for each course are awarded as indicated in the following table.

Course Name	Provider Course	Refresher Course	Instructor Course
Advanced Trauma Life Support	17	8	11
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	12	6	8
Basic Life Support (health care provider)	4	2	8
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (AHA)	14	8	9
Advanced Pediatric Life Support (AAP)	14	8	9
Neonatal Advanced Life Support	8	4	6
Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics	17	8	9

Credit will be awarded for successful completion of an eligible standardized life support course as per the above table.

VII. Bioterrorism Courses

AOA osteopathic sponsored “bioterrorism” courses are eligible for Category 1-B credit. A maximum of four credits of AOA Category 1-B, in any 3-year CME cycle, may be awarded for any bioterrorism courses that are ACCME or AAFP approved. Additional credits may be awarded in the appropriate category.

VIII. Nonqualified Activities

A. Volunteer Work

The AOA applauds volunteer work, but such work does not qualify for CME credit.

B. Post Graduate Studies

Studies undertaken in the quest for advanced degrees, whether master of science, master of public health, master of business administration, or doctorate, does not qualify for CME credit.

C. Medical Facility Tours

Such tours do not qualify for CME credit.

IX. CME Requirement for Certified Physicians

Physicians who are board certified or board eligible are required to earn a minimum of fifty CME credits in their primary specialty in each three-year CME cycle. These credits may be earned in Category 1 or Category 2.

A. CME sponsored by osteopathic specialty affiliates in the individuals declared specialty, will be applied to this requirement on an unlimited hour-by-hour basis.

B. CME sponsored by AOA CME Sponsors other than the individual's declared specialty

This reduction is available only to those physicians on active duty who have accumulated a total of one hundred and twenty credits of CME and who request said reduction from the Council