



Optometry Continuing Education Requirements

Continuing education consists of educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the skills and expertise that health care professionals will use in their professional practice. The required CE content must be that which is generally recognized and accepted by the profession.

All continued education (CE) that is to be used specifically for the DHCC license requirements will need to be documented on the "Professional Development Portfolio". A copy of the Professional Development Portfolio can be downloaded from our website www.cpq.dhcc.ae CPQ, Healthcare Professional Licenses.

You are responsible for choosing learning activities, documenting your learning activities on the Professional Development Portfolio (PDP), and keeping track of your CE. The Licensing Department will randomly select PDP's for auditing purposes. If your PDP is selected, the LD will ask you to verify the continuing education that has been documented. You will have thirty (30) days to send proof of your documented continuing education to the License Department.

Requirements

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirements necessary for licensure renewal shall consist of obtaining **36 CEU's** within the immediate preceding two years.

- The CEU must relate to the licensee's primary area(s) of practice.
- No more than twelve (12) of the thirty six (36) hours may relate to CPR, child abuse recognition, infection control, practice management, office procedures, record keeping, legislation or optometric regulations.

Guidelines

- 1 CEU shall be awarded for each hour spent in a seminar, workshop, or conference. To earn one CEU, the learning activity must last at least 50 minutes. (Post-test time doesn't count). A certificate of completion or attendance must be awarded.
- 2 CEU shall be awarded to every hour spent delivering a lecture related to the primary area of practice.
- Internet courses that award CEU credit and provide certificates of completion of coursework are accepted.
- Publication in peer review journals. Each article shall be considered 10 CEU for first or last authorship, and 5 CEU for authorship other than first or last.
- A Licensee shall be awarded 1 CEU for every hour spent reading articles or texts in his primary area of practice up to a maximum of 5 CEU per licensure period