

**Adopt as emergency rules the following amendments to Plc 1507.04, eff. 05-22-23 (doc. #13621), so that Plc 1507.04 reads as follows:**

Plc 1507.04 Continuing Professional Competence Requirements.

(a) Unless receiving a waiver pursuant to Plc 1507.06 based on active military service, a licensee intending to renew licensure shall engage in continuing professional education by completing ~~24-12~~ contact hours of continuing competence activities for the 2-year license period in accordance with (b) through (d), below.

(b) At least half of the contact hours required by (a), above, shall relate directly and primarily to the clinical application of respiratory care.

(c) The balance of the contact hours required by (a), above, shall relate to:

- (1) How to teach respiratory care;
- (2) Respiratory care supervision and consultation skills;
- (3) Respiratory care curriculum development;
- (4) Trans-disciplinary issues or skills applicable to respiratory care;
- (5) Respiratory care administration and management;
- (6) Respiratory care research; and
- (7) Other continuing professional education similarly not related directly and primarily to the clinical application of respiratory care, ***including but not limited to development of leadership skills and training in emergency management.***

(d) Continuing competence credit shall be accumulated through participating in the following activities:

- (1) Successful completion of a college-level course related to respiratory care, as further described in Plc 1507.07;
- (2) Successful completion of live programming such as courses, programs, workshops and seminars, as further described in Plc 1507.08;
- (3) Passing specialty examinations, as further described in Plc 1507.09;
- (4) Public professional presentations relating to respiratory care, as further described in Plc 1507.10;
- (5) Participation in a respiratory care research project, as further described in Plc 1507.11;
- (6) Taking and passing courses for initial or renewal certification, as further described in Plc 1507.12;
- (7) Participation as an instructor or instructor trainee in one of the courses for initial or renewal certification that qualify under (6), above, as further described in Plc 1507.13;
- (8) Teaching a college-level course relating to respiratory care, as further described in Plc 1507.14;
- (9) Facility-based respiratory care in-service training, as further described in Plc 1507.15;
- (10) Publication of writing related to respiratory care, as further described in Plc 1507.16; and

(11) Participation in the work of professional boards and committees, as further described in Plc 1507.17.

**Adopt as emergency rules the following amendments Plc 1507.07 and Plc 1507.08, eff. 05-22-23 (doc. #13621), so that Plc 1507.07 and Plc 1507.08 read as follows:**

Plc 1507.07 College-Level Courses Relating to Respiratory Care.

(a) A licensee may claim credit towards the continuing competence requirement for successfully completing a college-level course relating to ~~respiratory care~~ ***the topics listed in Plc 1507.04(b) and (c)***, provided that:

(1) The course is given as part of a program or curriculum with the potential to lead to an academic degree higher than that held by the licensee at the time of first eligibility for initial licensure;

(2) The course adds to the professional knowledge or skill of the licensee as shown in a written summary of the new information or skill the licensee acquired during the course; and

(3) The licensee achieves in the course a letter grade of C or better or a numerical grade of 2.00 or better on a 4-point scale, or the equivalent on any other point scale.

(b) The licensee may claim one contact hour for each course credit awarded by the college or university.

(c) Documentation of successful completion of a college-level course relating to respiratory care shall be:

(1) An official transcript showing:

- a. The name of the course;
- b. The date of the course; and
- c. The grade assigned to the licensee;

(2) One of the following descriptions of the course:

- a. The description of the course copied from the college or university catalogue; or
- b. The course syllabus; and

(3) The licensee's written summary of the new information or skill that the licensee acquired by taking the course.

Plc 1507.08 Courses, Programs, Workshops, and Seminars.

(a) A licensee may claim credit towards the continuing competence requirement for successfully completing live programming such as courses, programs, workshops, and seminars that are:

(1) Courses and other programs approved or sponsored by AARC;

(2) Non-AARC courses, workshops and seminars that are:

- a. Related to ~~respiratory care or related to diseases and conditions calling for respiratory care~~ ***the topics listed in Plc 1507.04(b) and (c)***; and

b. Sponsored or provided by any statewide, ***regional, or national*** professional respiratory care organization ***or any federal agency, including but not limited to the Federal Emergency Management Agency***; or

(3) Non-AARC courses that are:

a. Related to ~~respiratory care or related to diseases and conditions calling for respiratory care~~ ***the topics listed in Plc 1507.04(b) and (c)***; and

b. Approved by the accreditation council for continuing education of the American Medical Association, ***the American Heart Association, or the American Academy of Pediatrics***.

(b) The licensee may claim as credit for completing a course, program, workshop, or seminar described in (a), above, the same number of contact hours attributed to it by the provider or sponsor.

(c) Documentation of successful completion of a course or program described in (a), above, shall be a document showing:

- (1) The licensee's name;
- (2) The name and location of the course or program;
- (3) The name of the provider or sponsoring entity;
- (4) The beginning and ending date(s) of the course or program;
- (5) The name of each speaker or instructor;
- (6) The number of hours credited by the provider or sponsoring entity; and
- (7) The printed name and signature of the speaker, instructor, or representative of the provider or sponsoring entity.

(d) Documentation of successful completion of a workshop or seminar described in (a), above, shall be the licensee's certificate of completion.

#### APPENDIX A: STATE STATUTES IMPLEMENTED

Rule	State Statute(s) Implemented
Plc 1507.04, 1507.07, 1507.08	RSA 326-E:10, II; RSA 326-E:11