

This is an amendment to 16.23.12 NMAC, Section 8. effective 12/10/2024.

**16.23.12.8 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** The completion of 20 clock hours of continuing education is a requirement for biennial license renewal or license reactivation.

**A.** Continuing education hours must be directly related to respiratory therapy, pulmonary function technology, or related inter-disciplinary areas of health care.

**B.** All licensees must complete at least one hour of ethics related continuing education in the license renewal cycle.

**C.** Effective October 25, 2025, all licensees must complete at least one hour of human trafficking related continuing education in the license renewal cycle.

~~**C.**~~ **D.** The department may consult with the board to resolve questions as to appropriate continuing education hours.

**(1)** The department shall be the final authority on acceptance of any educational activity submitted by a licensee or a sponsor for approval.

**(2)** Each respiratory care practitioner must participate in at least 20 clock hours of continuing education activities every renewal cycle, or as provided by 16.23.12.12 NMAC and 16.23.12.13 NMAC.

~~**D.**~~ **E.** A minimum of ~~[twelve]~~ 12 clock hours of the ~~[twenty]~~ 20 clock hours of continuing education must be consistent with American Medical Association Category I, which includes any of the following types of educational offerings:

**(1) lecture** - a discourse given for instruction before an audience or through teleconference;

**(2) panel** - a presentation of a number of views by several professionals on a given subject with none of the views considered a final solution;

**(3) workshop** - a series of meetings for intensive, hands on, study or discussion, in a specific area of interest;

**(4) seminar** - a directed advanced study or discussion in a specific field of interest;

**(5) symposium** - conference of more than a single session organized for the purpose of discussion of a specific subject from various viewpoints and by various presenters;

**(6) distance education** - includes such enduring materials as text, internet or CD, provided the provider has included an independently scored test as part of the learning package; and

**(7) NBRC-awarded continuing education credit for successful completion of re-credentialing examination(s) for renewal of credential as a CRT (if the CRT was issued prior to January 1, 2018) or RRT.**

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