

## Chapter Nat Med 4

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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#### **Nat Med 4.01 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) “Biennium” means the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date specified under ss. 440.08 (2) (a) 47g. and 47h., Stats.

(2) “Continuing education” means professional educational activity designed to advance the professional skills and knowledge of a licensee in the practice of naturopathic medicine for the improvement of public health, safety, and welfare.

(3) “Continuing education credit hour” means 50 minutes of instruction or participation spent by the licensee in actual attendance or completion of an approved educational activity.

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#### **Nat Med 4.02 Continuing education requirements.**

(1) During the biennium, except as provided under sub. (2) or (3), a licensee shall complete 30 credit hours of continuing education approved under s. Nat Med 4.03 and related to the practice of naturopathic medicine. The 30 credit hours of continuing education shall include 5 hours in pharmacy and 2 hours in ethics.

(2) During the time between initial licensure and commencement of a full 2-year licensure period, a new licensee is not required to meet continuing education requirements.

(3) The board may grant a waiver, partial waiver, or postponement of the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship.

(4) Continuing education credit hours may be counted for teaching or presenting a course that promotes the development, expansion, or improvement of a licensee’s clinical skills and enhances their practice. Two hours of continuing education can be claimed for each credit hour of instruction. However, continuing education credit hours may not be counted for repeat presentations of the same course or program, or for courses or programs whose subject matter is pharmacy or ethics.

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**Nat Med 4.03 Acceptable continuing education programs.** The board may approve a continuing education program that is approved by one of the following:

(1) North American Naturopathic Continuing Education Accreditation Council through the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authority.

(2) American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association category 1 courses through Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

(3) American Association of Naturopathic Physicians.

(4) National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

(5) Other recognized organizations devoted to the practice of naturopathic medicine and approved by the board.

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**Nat Med 4.04 Evidence of compliance.** (1) Except as provided in s. Nat Med 4.02 (2) and (3), at the time of each renewal, each licensee shall sign a statement certifying that, within the 2 years immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., the licensee has completed the continuing education credit hours required under this chapter.

(2) A licensee who fails to complete the continuing education credit hours by the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., may not practice naturopathic medicine until the license is restored.

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**Nat Med 4.05 Recordkeeping.** Every licensee shall maintain a written record of the continuing education hours required under this chapter for not less than 6 years after completion of each credit. Records required include attendance verification records in the form of completion certificates or other documents supporting evidence of attendance.

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