

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 22 PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGIST ASSOCIATES**  
**PART 9 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**16.22.9.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department, State Board of Psychologist Examiners  
[16.22.9.1 NMAC - Rp, 16.22.9.1 NMAC, 09/16/10]

**16.22.9.2 SCOPE:** The provisions of Part 9 apply to psychologists and psychologist associates licensed to practice in New Mexico.  
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**16.22.9.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** This part is adopted pursuant to the Professional Psychologist Examiners Act, Section 61-9-6, 61-9-7.  
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**16.22.9.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
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**16.22.9.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 16, 2010, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.22.9.5 NMAC - Rp, 16.22.9.5 NMAC, 09/16/10]

**16.22.9.6 OBJECTIVE:** This part establishes criteria for continuing professional education for psychologists and psychologist associates licensed in New Mexico.  
[16.22.9.6 NMAC - Rp, 16.22.9.6 NMAC, 09/16/10]

**16.22.9.7 DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]  
[Refer to 16.22.1.7 NMAC]

**16.22.9.8 REQUIRED HOURS: CULTURAL COMPETENCE**

**A. Purpose.** The purpose of CPE requirements for psychologists is to ensure that licensees update and advance their skills such that the public shall benefit from the most current and effective standards of professional practice. To further the goal of public benefit, all psychologists are encouraged to fulfill a portion of their continuing professional education requirements in the areas of ethics, professional conduct, and treatment and evaluation of culturally diverse populations.

**B. Required hours.** The board requires forty (40) hours of CPE for licensed psychologists and psychologist associates during every two (2) years. Credits in category I may be used to fulfill requirements in categories II and III. Credits in category II may be used to fulfill requirements in category III. The board may reject any credit applied for continuing education by a licensee if the licensee has either failed to demonstrate the validity of the continuing education experience to the standards of the board or falsified any information provided to the board regarding the continuing education credit sought. The required hours shall be as follows:

- (1) Category I: a minimum of ten (10) hours and a maximum of forty (40) hours;
- (2) Category II: a maximum of twenty-five (25) hours;
- (3) Category III: a maximum of fifteen (15) hours;
- (4) Category IV: a minimum of four (4) hours;
- (5) Category V: a minimum of five (5) hours;
- (6) it is acceptable for psychologists to obtain different combinations of hours in each category, even

to the exclusion of categories II or III, provided that minimum and maximum requirements for the categories are met.

**C. Cultural competence.** Shall include attention to cultural diversity, as specifically noted in the title, description of objectives, or curriculum of the presentation, symposium, workshop, seminar, or course. The topic of the presentation, symposium, workshop, seminar, or course need not be on cultural competence; however one of the objectives or the description of topics covered must clearly indicate attention to cultural competence, as deemed satisfactory to the board.

(1) Newly licensed psychologists and psychologist associates with restricted and unrestricted licenses shall complete eight (8) CPE credit hours of cultural competence coursework promulgated by the board one year from the date the license was issued specific to New Mexico cultural diversity.

(2) Psychologists and psychologist associates with restricted and unrestricted licenses shall complete four (4) CPE credit hours of clinical diversity coursework related to population served biennially at the time of license renewal.

[16.22.9.8 NMAC - Rp, 16.22.9.9 NMAC, 09/16/10]

#### **16.22.9.9 CPE PROGRAM CATEGORIES**

**A.** Category I shall consist of the following types of programs:

(1) Formally organized workshops, seminars, grand rounds or classes which maintain an attendance roster and are approved by or under the auspices of an accredited institution of higher education offering graduate instruction.

(2) Workshops, seminars, or classes which maintain an attendance roster and are certified or recognized by a national or international accrediting organization, including:

- (a) the American psychological association;
- (b) the American psychiatric association;
- (c) the American medical association;
- (d) the American association for marriage and family therapy;
- (e) the American counseling association;
- (f) the international congress of psychology;
- (g) the national association of social workers;
- (h) the New Mexico psychological association;
- (i) the national association of school psychologists; or
- (j) the New Mexico state board of psychologist examiners.

(3) Formal college or university-level courses relevant to professional psychological activities, including but not limited to neuropsychology, forensic psychology, development, language skills, statistics, and cultural competence, as deemed satisfactory to the board, in mental health services, will be granted five (5) CPE credit hours for a one-semester credit course and ten (10) CPE credit hours for a three-semester credit course.

(4) Participation in the board will be granted hour-for-hour CPE credit up to twenty (20) hours.

**B.** Category II shall consist of the following types of programs:

(1) Non-supervised independent study or home study programs conducted by accrediting agencies listed in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 16.22.9.9 NMSA will be granted hour-for-hour CPE credit.

(2) Symposia or presentations (except for poster sessions) at annual conventions of national or regional professional organizations in psychology (for example, American psychological association, and Rocky Mountain psychological association) or a closely related discipline may be claimed for CPE credit. Four (4) hours may be claimed for the first time each scientific or professional presentation was made.

(3) Publications related to the practice of psychology: CPE hours may be claimed for each publication of an article in a professional journal or book chapter authored by the licensee according to author listing:

- (a) eight (8) hours for the first author;
- (b) six (6) hours for the second author;
- (c) four (4) hours for the third author; and
- (d) two (2) hours for any subsequent author.

(4) Books related to the practice of psychology: An authored book may be claimed for fifteen (15) hours. Editorships cannot be considered for CPE credit.

(5) A presenter providing continuing education in psychology or in a related field in this or another state may claim hour per hour credit up to eight (8) CPE credit hours per year for the first time the presentation is made. The presentation must be approved by one of the nine organizations listed in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 16.22.9.9 NMAC.

**C.** Category III shall consist of the following types of programs:

(1) Attendance at symposia or presentations (except for poster sessions) at annual conventions of national or regional professional organizations in psychology (for example, American psychological association, Rocky Mountain psychological association) or a closely related discipline for which the licensee documents attendance, title of symposia and presentations, and presenters shall be granted hour-for-hour CPE credit.

(2) Participation in the New Mexico psychological association executive board, or formal offices or committees established by the board, the New Mexico psychological association, the American psychological association, or other professional organizations, if the tasks are clearly related to issues of ethics, professional standards, or practice-related skills shall be granted CPE credit of one (1) hour for every three (3) hours of participation. The licensee must document dates of participation and number of hours of each participation.

**D.** Category IV shall consist of the following types of programs: A course containing attention to cultural diversity, as specifically noted in the title, description of objectives, or curriculum of the presentation, symposium, workshop, seminar, or course. The topic of the presentation, symposium, workshop, seminar, or course need not be on cultural competence; however one of the objectives or the description of topics covered must clearly indicate attention to cultural competence, as deemed satisfactory to the board.

**E.** Category V shall consist of the following types of programs: A course containing attention to the ethics of practice related to psychology. The topic of the presentation, symposium, workshop, seminar, or course need be on ethics and the objectives or the description of topics covered must clearly indicate attention to ethics, as deemed satisfactory to the board.

[16.22.9.9 NMAC - Rp, 16.22.9.8 NMAC, 09/16/10]

#### **16.22.9.10 CARRY-OVER HOURS; EXEMPTIONS; TIME EXTENSIONS**

**A. Carry-over hours.** No hours shall be carried over from one compliance-reporting period to another compliance reporting period.

**B. Exemptions and extensions of time.**

(1) Licenses on retirement or inactive status as provided in Part 10 are not exempt from CPE requirements of this Part 9.

(2) Extensions of time for completing and reporting CPE requirements shall be granted for good cause only upon a written request filed with the board by the licensee prior to the date for compliance. Unless extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause extraordinary hardship, the extension of time for completing and reporting CPE requirements shall not exceed one (1) year. The board may grant one extension of time of up to sixty (60) calendar days for filing a request for the extension of time upon a finding of good cause [16.22.9.10 NMAC - Rp, 16.22.9.10 NMAC, 09/16/10]

#### **16.22.9.11 COMPLIANCE: FAILURE TO COMPLY AND LICENSE RENEWAL**

**A. Compliance reporting requirements.** Every two (2) years during the designated annual renewal period, each licensee shall submit an attestation that he has completed the CPE requirements. The board reserves the right to audit any licensee to submit evidence or documentation of the CPE credits (e.g. course or program certificate of training, transcript, course or workshop brochures or published descriptions, copies of registration forms, payment invoices or receipts, specific evidence of attendance, etc.). Therefore, it is the responsibility of each licensee to establish and maintain detailed records of CPE compliance for two (2) years after the reporting period. The board shall not allow continuing education credit for personal psychotherapy, workshops for personal growth, the provision of paid or volunteer services to professional associations other than APA or statewide associations of licensed psychologists in New Mexico, foreign language courses, computer training, office management, or practice building.

**B. Failure to comply.** Failure to complete or report continuing professional education requirements as provided in this part is grounds for withholding renewal of a license or for suspension or revocation of a license as provided in the act. Fraud or deception in reporting CPE credit is a separate violation of the code and is grounds for withholding renewal of a license or for suspension or revocation of a license as provided in the act.

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