

CME Requirements for Renewal of Physician Assistant License

Physician Assistants are required to complete 100 total hours of CME prior to each biennial renewal according to Rule 64B8-30.005, Florida Administrative Code.

There are “general” CME hours and “core” CME hours which make up the total 100 required CME hours for renewal.

- “General CME” can be defined as CME hours in any topic not specifically required by statute.
- “Core CME” can be defined as the statutorily required continuing medical education hours pursuant to s. 456.013, F.S., s. 456.031, F.S., and s. 456.033, F.S.

A current NCCPA certification can substitute for the required “general” CME hours.

If not NCCPA certified, the Physician Assistant must be able to produce evidence of the 100 hours of reported CME for the relevant biennium. The hours must be broken down as follows:

- A minimum of 50 hours must be Category I CME approved by one of the following:
 - ✓ *American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)*
 - ✓ *Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)*
 - ✓ *American Medical Association (AMA)*
 - ✓ *American Osteopathic Association Council on Continuing Medical Education (AOA)*
 - ✓ *American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).*
- The remaining 50 hours may be Category II CME.

By statute, all licensees are required to complete certain “core” CME hours to be included in the required 100 CME hours (see table below).

Continuing Education (CE/CME) Core Requirements

REQUIRED CORE SUBJECT AREA	REQUIRED NUMBER OF HOURS	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
HIV/AIDS	1	Required upon first licensure renewal only. Must be Category I AMA CME.
Medical Error	2	Required <i>every</i> biennial renewal. Can be Category I or II AMA CME.
Domestic Violence	2	Required every third biennium only (or every 6 years). Can be Category I or II AMA CME.

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