

# Iowa State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

## DC License Renewal Requirements

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**I strongly advise finishing early to avoid practicing without a license.**

### 645—44.2(272C) Continuing education requirements.

**44.2(1)** The biennial continuing education compliance period shall extend for a two-year period beginning on July 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on June 30 of each even-numbered year two years later. Starting with the 2018-2020 biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as a licensee in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education approved by the board.

#### *Specific criteria.*

a. Continuing education hours of credit shall be obtained by completing:

(1) At least **36 hours** of continuing education credit obtained from a program that directly relates to clinical case management of chiropractic patients. **At least 20 of these hours shall be earned by completing a program in which an instructor conducts the class by employing a traditional in-person, classroom-type presentation and the licensee is in attendance in the same room as that instructor.** The remaining 16 hours of continuing education credit relating to clinical case management of chiropractic patients may be obtained by independent study, including any online instruction, that complies with conditions specified in 44.3(1).

(2) A minimum of two hours per biennium in professional boundaries regarding ethical issues related to professional conduct that may include but are not limited to sexual harassment, sensitivity training and ethics.

(3) A minimum of 12 hours per biennium of continuing education in the field of acupuncture if the chiropractic physician is engaged in the practice of acupuncture. Chiropractic physicians not engaged in the active practice of acupuncture may take continuing education hours in the field of acupuncture for continuing education credit.

(4) Classes on child abuse and dependent adult abuse that meet the criteria in 645—subrules 41.8(4) and 44.3(1).

(5) Two hours of continuing education credit at the time of the first biennial renewal period and one hour every biennial renewal period after that in the content areas of the administrative rules related to chiropractic physicians in Iowa, found at 645—Chapters 41 through 45 and the statutory provisions specific to the practice of chiropractic in Iowa, found at Iowa Code chapter 151.

b. Continuing education hours of credit may be obtained by:

(1) Teaching at a Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)-approved program or board of chiropractic-approved institution. A maximum of 15 hours per biennium may be obtained for each course taught.

(2) Completing electronically transmitted programs/activities or independent study programs/activities that have a certificate of completion.

(3) A licensee who is a presenter of a continuing education program may receive credit once per biennium for the initial presentation of the program.

(4) Completing a program provided by a CCE-accredited chiropractic college in the United States, the Iowa Chiropractic Society, American Chiropractic Association or International Chiropractors Association.

(5) Completing continuing education courses/programs that are certified by the Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE) through the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB).

(6) Proctoring at the NBCE examination. Fifteen hours of continuing education hours per NBCE examination event may be claimed up to a maximum of 30 hours of continuing education credit per biennium. The proctoring hours may apply toward the clinical requirement. Continuing education may not be obtained by completing or teaching classes in basic anatomy and physiology or undergraduate level coursework.

**Licensees must keep their certificate of completion for continuing education for 4 years.**

**No hours of continuing education can be carried over into the next biennium.**