



THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATORY SERVICES
Health Practice Commission



CPAM - COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONS ALLIED WITH MEDICINE

Continuing Education (CE) Requirements for 2013 Retention of Registration

Profession	Minimum CE Hours	Profession	Minimum CE Hours
Acupuncturists	5	Occupational Therapists	10
Audiologists	5	Opticians	10
Chiroprpodists	5	Optometrists	15
Chiropractors	10	Orthoptists	10
Clinical Psychologists	10	Osteopaths	10
Dieticians	15	Paramedics	15
Emergency Medical Technicians	10	Physiotherapists	10
Homeopaths	5	Psychotherapists	10
Medical Herbalists	5	Radiographers	10
Medical Lab Technicians	5	Respiratory Therapists	10
Medical Technologists	10	Speech Therapist	5
Mental Health Counsellors	10	Substance Abuse Counsellors	10
Nutritionists	15	Therapeutic Massage Practitioners	5

Continuing Education hours are required annually.

Council will accept CE hours from 1st October of the prior year that have not been previously submitted.

Sixty (60) percent of CE must be **SPECIFIC** to the practitioner's discipline and must be provided from an accredited institution representing that discipline alone. Medscape cannot be used for the 60% specific hours.

The 40% can be in an area of General Medicine Related Topics (of which 20% only can come from Medscape). Approving the suitability of training as CE is subject to the Council's discretion.

The original CE Certificates must be provided. Copies should be provided if the practitioner wishes to have the originals returned.

The Council encourages the practitioners to exceed the minimum requirements on an annual basis. Therefore, CEs obtained beyond and above the minimum hours required for registration cannot be carried over for use in the following year's registration.

Persons registered between 1 April and 30 June will need to provide half (50%) of the CE credits required for the next year's retention of registration.

Persons registered between 1 July and 30 September will need to provide a quarter (25%) of the CE credits required for the next year's retention of registration.

In the event that the Council finds a practitioner's CE to be deficient the practitioner will be allowed 2 months of grace to provide the required CEs. However, the accepted CEs must be provided by 31 December to avoid penalty fees. If the practitioner enters the year of registration without having provided the requisite CEs the Council will provide a Temporary registration from 1 January to 28(29) February that will cost 50% of the Registration fee in addition to any other fees. It is the practitioner's prerogative to refuse the temporary registration with the understanding that they cannot practice until the Council has approved their CE for the registration year.