

## **21 NCAC 64 .0218 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Beginning January 1, 2009 each licensee must complete 30 hours every three years of continuing professional education in their fields sponsored by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the North Carolina Speech-Hearing-Language Association, or the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction; or other courses approved by the Board as similar to courses offered by any of these organizations. History note: Authority G.S. 90-304(a)(3); Eff. September 1, 2008.

*The Board would like to note that courses sponsored by the American Academy of Audiology will be approved by the Board.*

The N.C. Board of Examiners CEU interval will begin on January 1st and end on December 31<sup>st</sup> for the year; therefore, all licensees may begin accumulating CEUs on January 1, 2009 and must have completed 30 hours by December 31, 2011.

If audited, the licensee may use the notification from ASHA that the certification maintenance was in compliance with ASHA requirements. The Board of Examiners will not audit courses and activities, as accepted by ASHA, as long as the licensee maintains the CEU requirement by ASHA. Therefore, Licensees may use ASHA's certification maintenance compliance (30 hours in three years) to meet the Board of Examiners CEU requirement. In this case, all CEUs and CMUs recognized by ASHA toward the certification maintenance will be accepted by the Board of Examiners. Licensees may refer to the following site regarding the ASHA CEU guidelines and registry - [www.asha.org/about/membership-certification/maintFAQ.htm](http://www.asha.org/about/membership-certification/maintFAQ.htm).

Those licensees who do not elect to use the ASHA registry will be required to maintain a log and **official CEU activity award documentation** for all CEU activities. This documentation should be kept for a period of five years. Registries from American Academy of Audiology, ASHA, and NC Department of Public Instruction will also be accepted as proof of CEU compliance.

**At the present time, the Board WILL NOT REVIEW OR APPROVE ANY INDIVIDUAL COURSES OR ACTIVITIES SUBMITTED FOR CEU CREDIT. ONLY PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN THE AREAS OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY ACCEPTED BY ASHA, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, OR THE AMERICAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY TOWARD MEETING THEIR CEU REQUIREMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD.**

The Board will require signed statements from licensees affirming that they are in compliance with the CEU requirement. The statements will be printed on the license renewal forms that are returned with the license renewal fee each year. Licensees will be subject to random audit of their continuing education documentation.