

Educational Guidelines

In documenting sufficient continuing education credit, there is a difference for those individuals who are Limited Radiographer and Medical Radiographers renewing for license in the State of Nebraska and the radiologic technologists renewing for ARRT certification.

State of Nebraska Continuing Education Requirements for Licensure

All Medical Radiographers and Limited Radiographers practicing in Nebraska, must document at least twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education, related to Medical Radiography, every two (2) years. Part 16.09, of the State of Nebraska Regulations for Control of Radiation-Ionizing, describes continuing education requirements for persons Performing Medical Radiography. The State may audit any renewal application, to determine if compliance of continuing education requirements are being met by the individual. Those selected for audit shall be required to produce documentation of his or her attendance at those continuing education activities listed on the renewal application. Therefore, documentation of continuing education is essential. At a minimum, the documentation necessary for acceptance by the State must include:

- The Topic of the Program
- The Name of the Provider
- The Location of the Continuing Education
- The Date(s) of the Program
- The Number of Hours Received for the Program

The person must attend the complete continuing education course in order to get credit for it. Partial credit will not be provided. One hour (fifty to sixty minutes) of attendance equals one (1.0) hour of credit. The program must be of at least one (1.0) hour of credit to be accepted by the State of Nebraska. The topic and/or objectives must be related to Medical Radiography, which may include, but is not limited to: Mammography, MRI, Computed Tomography, Cardiovascular Technology, Quality Management, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Ultrasound, Medical Dosimetry and Bone Densitometry.

The State of Nebraska will accept as continuing education, the following:

1. Programs which meet the quality standards established by nationally recognized organizations or associations of radiography. (e.g. ASRT)
2. Passing an advanced level examination in Mammography, MRI, Computed Tomography, Cardiovascular Technology, Quality Management, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Ultrasound and Medical Dosimetry during the biennial renewal period, will satisfy the twenty-four (24) hour continuing education requirement. This does not include the Limited Operator exam sponsored by the State.
3. Learning experiences, provided they are planned and conducted for individuals performing Medical Radiography, which are related to the practice of Medical Radiography.
4. Academic courses in an accredited post-secondary institution, which are related to the specific knowledge and/or technical skills required for the practice of Medical Radiography.
5. Course, lectures or offerings related to the technical and scientific knowledge for the practice of Medical Radiography, which include, but are not limited to:
 - Radiation Protection

- Equipment maintenance
 - Image production and evaluation
 - Patient care and management
 - Quality assurance activities
1. A course in CPR, which results in certification by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. The certification shall be valid at the time of renewal. Only three (3) credit hours for CPR will be counted during the biennial renewal period.
 2. Home studies that have been assigned a specific number of continuing education credit hours by the home study provider.
 3. Continuing education obtained to meet continuing education requirements for a health care profession other than Medical Radiography. There must be a rational connection to the practice of Medical Radiography. No more than four (4) credit hours for this type of continuing education may be counted within each year of the biennial renewal period.

For a complete description of State of Nebraska Continuing Education Requirements, see:
http://www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-180/Chapter-16.pdf,
 Pages 11-17.

Please note the fees listed in this document are not current. See:
http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/feeschedule_New.pdf, page 6 for current licensure fees.

ARRT Continuing Education Requirements for the Radiologic Technologist

All Radiologic Technologists with ARRT certification must document at least twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education, related to Medical Radiography, every two (2) years.

Acceptable options for continuing education are:

1. Within a biennium complete at least 24 hours of continuing education in the Category A or A+ (Category B credits are no longer acceptable). In order for the activity to be identified as Category A or A+, the education program must be approved by a Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism (RCEEM) or a RCEEM+.

Hospital accreditation (Joint Commission) and federal government (OSHA) education requirements such as fire safety, lifting procedures, patient restraints, etc. are not allowed as continuing education credit unless the activity has been approved by a RCEEM.

Directed readings, home study courses, or Internet activities reported in a biennium may not be repeated for credit in the same or any subsequent biennium.

2. The ARRT will award a maximum of six CE credits per biennium with demonstration of and advanced CPR card in ACLS, PALS or Instructor or Instructor Trainer CPR certification from the Red Cross, the Heart Association or the American Safety and Health Institute. The ARRT will no longer accept CE credit for basic CPR (BLS, BLS with AED, or Health care Provider CPR).
3. Approved academic courses in the areas of biologic sciences, physical sciences, radiologic

sciences, health and medical sciences, social sciences, communication (verbal and written), mathematics, computers, management or education methodology. Courses identified as **not applicable** are archeology, astronomy, fine arts, geology, geography, history, music, philosophy and religion.

Sixteen continuing education credit hours for each academic semester credit and 12 continuing education credit hour for each academic quarter credit. Documentation of pass (for pass/fail) or grade of "C" or better is required to receive credit.

4. Within a biennium complete certification in a primary or post-primary discipline.

Examples of primary examinations that have been approved by the ARRT are:

1. Radiography through ARRT
2. Nuclear Medicine Technology through ARRT or NMTCB
3. Radiation Therapy through ARRT
4. Sonography through ARRT
5. Magnetic Resonance Imaging through ARRT
6. Dosimetry through MDCB
7. Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Vascular Technology or Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography through the ARDMS (initial certification only; exams in additional specialty areas do not qualify for ARRT credit)
8. Radiology Administration through AHRA

Examples of approved post-primary examinations are:

1. Mammography through ARRT
2. Computed Tomography through ARRT
3. Magnetic Resonance Imaging through ARRT
4. Quality Management through ARRT
5. Sonography through ARRT
6. Vascular Sonography through ARRT
7. Bone Densitometry through ARRT
8. Vascular-Interventional Radiography through ARRT
9. Cardiac-Interventional Radiography through ARRT
10. Breast Sonography through ARRT
11. Radiologist Assistant through ARRT
12. Nuclear Cardiology through NMTCB
13. Positron Emission Tomography through NMTCB
14. Certified Imaging Informatics Professional through ABII

CE credits will not be re-awarded for re-examination in a discipline in which an individual holds certification.

For a complete description of the ARRT Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal of Registration see <http://www.arrt.org/education/cereq.pdf>