

CONTINUING EDUCATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can Mississippi CEU Providers who are also CPR / First Aid Instructors advertise on the MSBMT website.

Since CPR and First Aid do not fit the definition of a program presented for Mississippi CEU credit, then the Mississippi Approved Provider cannot advertise on the CEU Approved Program Listing on the MSBMT website. If an approved provider wants to separately teach as a non-continuing education provider, then they can do so without any interaction with the Board.

Note: Refer to the location of CPR / First Aid course availability under the Licensure tab of our website which provides accessibility to all approved CPR / First Aid providers and program information. 4/23/2013

Are online classes approved in Mississippi?

Not to satisfy requirements of licensure as all 600 hours must be in class hours. A maximum of 12 hours per calendar year (24 for a 2-year renewal) may be taken through approved distance (home-study/online course) or classroom (classroom and interactive). Check under 'Continuing Education' to see if the Provider and Program are approved.

Does the Mississippi Board accept CEU's from any provider approved by the NCBTMB?

Yes, if and only if the NCBTMB provider has registered their providership and each program with the Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy. A list of approved providers and programs are under the 'Continuing Education' tab on this web-site.

How many home study hours can I take each year for CEU credit?

All required continuing education hours may be taken either through distance or classroom formats. These courses must also be approved by the Board. See 'Continuing Education' for a list of approved providers and programs.

Does CPR or First Aid count as CEU hours?

CPR and First Aid certifications are required with the initial application **and** when renewing effective May 31, 2009. CPR/First Aid will count 3 hours toward the total 24 hour renewal requirement.

Are licensed massage therapists required to take CEU's their first year after graduation?

Refer to 'Continuing Education' tab on this web site for explanation and clarification of CEU requirements: CEU clarification of Rule 1001 B.

Can students take Continuing Education courses? Can they be banked for use at the time of their first renewal as long as it is within a 4-year period?

No. Continuing education courses are just that. A continuation of their education; therefore, can only use for credit after graduation and licensure.

Can an LMT apply for CEU credit for courses which are not yet been approved by the MS State Board?

Yes, under provisions of Section 1002 D of the Rules and Regulations; however, they must be submitted on the CEU Program Forms 45 days BEFORE the date of the program. The application must provide detailed curriculum objectives and presenter qualifications AND shall be relevant to and focus on massage theory, practice, methods, or laws, regulations and ethical principles pertaining to the practice of massage therapy with stated learning objectives.

Can continuing education hours taken expire if not needed in the current renewal period?

No. Any continuing education hours taken and not used in the current renewal period will carry forward until you choose to use them toward a future renewal.