

**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

Amend Section 1887.3 of Division 18 of Title 16 as follows:

§ 1887.3. CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

(a) A licensee shall accrue at least thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education courses as defined in Section 1887.4. A licensee may accrue no more than twelve (12) hours of continuing education earned through self-study courses during a single renewal period.

(b) Pursuant to Section 29 of the Code, a licensee who started graduate study prior to January 1, 1986, shall take a continuing education course in the detection and treatment of alcohol and other chemical substance dependency during their first renewal period after the adoption of these regulations. The course shall be at least seven (7) hours in length and its content shall comply with the requirements of Section 29 of the Code. This is a one-time requirement for those licensees specified above.

Equivalent alcohol and other chemical substance dependency courses taken prior to the adoption of these regulations, or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience, may be submitted to the board upon request in lieu of this requirement; however, this coursework or experience shall not be credited as hours towards the continuing education requirements.

(c) Pursuant to Section 32 of the Code, a licensee shall take a continuing education course in the characteristics and methods of assessment and treatment of people living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) during their first renewal period after the adoption of these regulations. The course shall be at least seven (7) hours in length and its content shall comply with the requirements of Section 32 of the Code. This is a one-time requirement for all licensees.

Equivalent HIV and AIDS courses taken prior to the adoption of these regulations, or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience, may be submitted to the board upon request in lieu of this requirement; however, this coursework or experience shall not be credited as hours towards the continuing education requirements.

(d) Any person renewing his or her license on and after January 1, 2004 shall complete a six (6) hour continuing education course in the subject of law and ethics for each renewal cycle. The six (6) hour course shall be considered part of the thirty-six (36) hour continuing education requirement.

~~(d)~~ (e) If a licensee teaches a course, the licensee may claim credit for the course only one time during a single renewal period, receiving the same amount of hours of continuing education credit as a licensee who attended the course.

~~(e)~~ (f) A licensee may not claim the same course more than once during a single renewal period for hours of continuing education credit.

~~(f)~~ (g) A licensee who takes a course as a condition of probation resulting from disciplinary action by the board may not apply the course as credit towards the continuing education requirement.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4980.60 and 4990.14, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 29, 32, 4980.54 and 4996.22, Business and Professions Code.