



Continuing Education Standards Quick Reference Guide

All Continuing Education Credits (CECs) or Continuing Education Units (CEU), unless otherwise specified, must pertain directly to the provision of rehabilitation or assistive technology products and services¹. Annual renewal requires a total of 15 educational contact hours, including a minimum of, but not limited to, .7 CEUs (Continuing Education Units awarded by University of Pittsburgh or IACET) and no more than 8 CECs (Continuing Education Credits). CEUs awarded to an individual event for a given renewal period may be "rolled" over to the following year's renewal.

There are many components to rehabilitation technology supply as a profession and a business. They include the consumer, primary education, clinical practice, continuing education, marketplace (the referral sources and the third party funding sources), among others. The importance of primary education and continuing education cannot be overstated. High-quality, balanced continuing education, presented by knowledgeable people and organizations, is the hallmark of any profession.

A major factor separating NRRTS Registrants from other suppliers is the emphasis on offering the consumer a range of products and options that meet his/her requirements and functional/physiological needs. Continuing education requirements, in varying formats, confirm that NRRTS Registrants

have updated product/option knowledge as well as a clear understanding of the conceptual, physiological and functional framework in which rehabilitation technology equipment is used.

Two (2) contact hours or less may be documented by the presenter's signature on the Application for Continuing Education (CEC). Submitting for education in excess of 2 contact hours requires additional documentation, which is identified below with the type of activity. If you do not have a certificate of attendance for the activity, a course brochure or outline MUST accompany the application form.

One (1) contact hour equates to one (1) Continuing Education Credit (CEC). If your documentation indicates Continuing Education Units (CEUs) were awarded for the activity, NRRTS will record the information on your registrant record. One (1) CEU equates to ten (10) CECs.

Submit a SEPARATE Application for Continuing Education Credit (CEC) for each activity and/ or one Application for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Summary, if applicable.

¹To determine a course or event's eligibility, refer to the definition of complex rehab available on www.nrrts.org.

Attended · Participated · Outreach Activity

Course by Healthcare Professional:

This is a course taught by a physician, therapist, nurse clinician, ATP or others; and may be predominantly medical or clinical in nature; focused on a specific disability group (CHI, SCI, MD) or demographic group (Pediatrics, Geriatrics), but has specific content on how the medical condition(s) relate to the introduction of assistive/rehabilitative technologies. *A copy of the program outline and certificate must be submitted if more than 2 CECs are requested and/or if CEUs are to be awarded.*

Course by a Healthcare Association:

This is a course sponsored by a local, state or national organization such as APTA, AOTA, RESNA, MED University, VGM-Heartland Conference, NSM Symposium, USM Symposium, etc. Its scope must pertain directly to the provision of rehabilitation or assistive technology products and services or educational content for provision of services with people who would receive AT intervention. *A copy of the program outline and certificate must be submitted if more than 2 CECs are requested and/or if CEUs are to be awarded.*

Course by a College or University:

The number of continuing education units is equal to the number of credits offered by the institution for the course, e.g., a 3 credit course is worth 3 CECs. Its scope must pertain directly to the provision of rehabilitation or assistive technology products and services or educational content for provision of services with people who would receive AT intervention. Requires that a copy of the course syllabus or abstract for evaluation of appropriate content and proof of successful completion be submitted.

Course by a Manufacturer:

This is a course sponsored by a manufacturer. It will contain didactic materials that are medical or therapeutic in nature and presented by a clinician. In addition, there will be specific product information with clear clinical applications presented. *A copy of the program outline and certificate must be submitted if more than 2 CECs are requested and/or if CEUs are to be awarded.*

In-Service by Manufacturer:

Limit 6 CECs per renewal per year. This is a short presentation by a manufacturer's representative that is product specific and conducted at the registrant's facility or clinical referral site. Information on specific product parameters, materials, operation, service, etc. will be presented. Although there may be some discussion on what populations this product might best serve, it is primarily product specific. A CEC application with number of hours, date and presenter's signature is required.

NRRTS Sponsored Education:

These are education opportunities sponsored by NRRTS. Copy of the certificate or the proof of attendance issued by NRRTS confirms attendance and the CECs and/or CEUs' awarded..

CELA Capitol Hill Visits:

Limit 5 CECs per renewal per year. Sponsored by NRRTS. Capitol Hill Visit Attendance Only. A copy of registration confirmation and badge to verify attendance.

Journal/Text Professional Magazine:

Limit 1 CEC per renewal per year. Written summary required. A "page" is

defined as a full page of text, minus artwork, photography or advertising and credit awarded on the basis of .25 CEC per page of summary.

International Seating Symposium (or Canadian Seating & Mobility Conference): Dates, signed certificate with attendee's name verifies attendance and CEUs awarded.

RESNA and Medtrade Sponsored Education

Credits with appropriate documentation for individual educational sessions associated with the conference may be submitted. General attendance is not applicable.

Wheels for Humanity or Hope Haven:

Limit 7 CECs per renewal per year. A letter signed by distribution coordinator specifying the dates, location of the registrant's participation and total number of wheelchairs fitted will provide proof of participation.

Volunteerism:

Limit of 4 CECs per renewal per year. Volunteerism with organizations and/or events that advance the industry and/or are for the benefit of the profession and directly related to wheeled mobility and seating are important to NRRTS.

Professional Activity

Limit 5 CECs per renewal per year. Volunteer support in professional organizations can involve a great deal of time and is important to NRRTS. Board of Directors (NRRTS, RESNA, NCART); RESNA Professional Standards Board; State Regional Associations; Committee Chairperson of any above organizations (NRRTS Review Chair approval required). Proof of participation e.g. directory listing or certificate must accompany the application.

Presenter · Author Activity

Educational/Technical Presentation:

Limit 8 CECs per renewal per year. Sponsored by local, state, national trade association or professional association OR allied health professional and/ or students in an academic or clinical setting. Preparation for a presentation requires a great deal of time, forethought and preparation. Documentation must include title, location, audience, learning objectives and an outline of the presentation including specific times and topics discussed.

Submission of Case Study or Article to Journal or professional publication:

Limit 4 CECs per renewal per year. Actual copy submitted to the agency for publication must be submitted with the CEC Application.

Publication of Case Study or Article in a journal or professional publication:

Limit 8 CECs per renewal per year. Actual copy of the published article must be submitted with the CEC Application.

Focus/Advisory Group for equipment or service provision:

Limit 4 CECs per renewal per year. These activities are product specific and contain proprietary information. Documentation should be by signature of the manufacturer's representative on company letterhead indicating the number of contact hours involved.