

Continuing Education Hours Criteria

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) - A Nebraska Supreme Court Rule mandates all active attorneys complete continuing legal education hours. Qualifying education must:

- Teach a subject matter primarily related to the practice of law or to a discipline in which further education of attorneys would be beneficial to the practice of law.
- Have significant intellectual or practical content relating to the practice of law or to the education of attorneys with respect to professional responsibility, including duties of attorneys to the judicial system, public, clients, and other attorneys.
- Be taught by attorneys or other persons who have the necessary academic or practical skills to conduct the course effectively and who have special education, training or experience by reason of which they should be considered knowledgeable concerning the subject matter of the program.
- Provide each attendee with written or electronic course materials that substantively pertain to the subject matter of the program and will be of value to the attendees in the course of the practice of law.
- To qualify for Guardian ad Litem (GAL) credit, the educational program must deal with child and adolescent development, children in the courts or issues surrounding abuse and neglect, or other issues which may arise in juvenile court.

Providers of Mental Health Continuing Education - In order to maintain their Mental Health Practice License for the state of Nebraska, the following providers must complete continuing education hours: mental health practitioners, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, or social workers (if they are related to mental health practice). The following can qualify:

- Lectures and presentations that relate to mental health.
- Multi-disciplinary programs relevant to the individual's practice setting.
- Educational/training videos and presentations clearly related to maintaining skills necessary for the safe and competent practice of mental health, marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, or social work.
- For specific CEU criteria, refer to the following link: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/cememo.pdf>

Criminogenic Continuing Education- Providers registered with the Administrative Office of Probation must complete continuing education hours. Approved hours must provide skills and/or information regarding:

- Working with justice involved individuals to reduce any of the following criminogenic risk factors:
 - Antisocial Behavior/Low Self Control
 - Antisocial Personality Pattern or Temperament
 - Antisocial Cognition/Attitudes
 - Antisocial Companions/ Peer Relations
 - Family Circumstances/ Parenting
 - Lack of Education/Employment
 - Lack of Pro-Social Leisure/ Recreation
 - and/or Substance Use