



LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

CONTINUING EDUCATION FACT SHEET

LBEDN accepts a copy of a current Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) card at the time of renewal, as proof of continuing education for fully licensed Dietitians/Nutritionists.

Definition and Philosophy of Continuing Education

Continuing education is defined as education beyond that required for entry into the profession. Continuing education participation is mandatory for maintenance of licensure. The dietetic/nutrition practitioner engages in lifelong development to maintain and improve knowledge and skills for competent practice. This includes continuous self-assessment to identify professional strengths and learning needs, establishment of short and long-term goals for individual professional development, and selection of appropriate continuing education to meet these goals.

Workshops and Conferences

Workshops in the area of dietetics and nutrition sponsored by professional organizations such as the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Louisiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics are acceptable by LBEDN.

Exhibits/Poster Presentations

Continuing education hours may be approved for viewing trade and educational exhibits. A listing of exhibitors/poster sessions is required. LBEDN will grant 1 hour for review of exhibits/poster sessions, up to a maximum of 3 continuing education hours per year.

Academic Coursework

Academic courses in the area of dietetics/nutrition may be completed after licensure is approved. Academic courses taken for credit or audit, including those taken by correspondence, must be successfully completed at a U.S. regionally accredited college/university. A syllabus and official transcript indicating a passing grade or a letter from the course instructor on the institution's letterhead verifying audited coursework must be submitted with the request for continuing education hour approval.

Continuing Education Hours Approved

	Credit	Audit
1 hour semester credit	15 hours	8 hours
1 hour trimester credit	14 hours	7 hours
1 hour quarter credit	10 hours	5 hours

Online Education

Online education approved by CDR will be accepted and will be granted for the actual contact hours.

Pro-Rating

Jan, Feb, March	6 hours	July, Aug, Sept	15 hours
April, May, June	0 hours	Oct, Nov, Dec	9 hours