NUTRITION CME REQUIREMENTS

New Provision: ***Direct patient care is defined practicing medicine as defined in NRS 630.020, as hands-on, face-to-face, or direct virtual interaction with patients or patient representatives. It does not include reading slides or images or practicing medicine where in there is no live contact or interaction with patients or patient representatives.***

NRS 630.253 Active licensees: Continuing education.

1. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the:

(a) Renewal of a license as a physician assistant;

(b) Renewal of a license as an anesthesiologist assistant; or

(c) Biennial registration of the holder of a license to practice medicine, **[Note: We may want to decide if practicing medicine is different than practicing as a physician assistant, by definition, at the moment, a physician assistant practices medicine under the supervision of a supervising physician.** ***See*** **NRS 630.15. The separation like this is sometimes confusing.]**

⇨ require each holder to submit evidence of compliance with the requirements for continuing education as set forth in regulations adopted by the Board.

2. These requirements:

(a) May provide for the completion of one or more courses of instruction relating to risk management in the performance of medical services. **[Added in 1991, AB344]**

(b) Must provide for the completion by a holder of a license to practice medicine ***or to practice as a physician assistant or to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant*** of a course of instruction within 2 years after initial licensure that provides at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness as described in subsection 5***, if the physician, physician assistant, or anesthesiologist assistant provides direct patient care***. **[Added in 2015, AB93 (only for psychiatrists). Amended in 2017, AB105 (to remove "encourage" for other licensees and require for all, not just psychiatrists).]**

(c) **[Please note: This is no longer needed due to new DEA mandatory CME requirements (one-time 8-hour requirement for DEA/CS license). Added in 2021, AB442.]** ~~[Must provide for the completion of at least 2 hours of training in the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use disorder within 2 years after initial licensure.]~~ ***Must provide for the completion of at least 1 hour of training in nutrition and metabolic health, as approved by the Board's regulations.***

(d) Must provide for the biennial completion by each psychiatrist and each physician assistant practicing under the supervision of a psychiatrist of one or more courses of instruction that provide at least 2 hours of instruction relating to cultural competency and diversity, equity and inclusion. Such instruction:

(1) May include the training provided pursuant to NRS 449.103 or 449B.280, where applicable.

(2) Must be based upon a range of research from diverse sources.

(3) Must address persons of different cultural backgrounds, including, without limitation:

(I) Persons from various gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds;

(II) Persons from various religious backgrounds;

(III) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons;

(IV) Children and senior citizens;

(V) Veterans;

(VI) Persons with a mental illness;

(VII) Persons with an intellectual disability, developmental disability or physical disability; and

(VIII) Persons who are part of any other population that a psychiatrist or a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of a psychiatrist may need to better understand, as determined by the Board. **[Added in 2021, AB327]**

(e) Must allow the holder of a license to receive credit toward the total amount of continuing education required by the Board for the completion of a course of instruction relating to genetic counseling and genetic testing. **[Added in 2021, SB251. Should we try to remove this again?]**

(f) Must provide for the completion by a physician or physician assistant who provides or supervises the provision of emergency medical services in a hospital or primary care of at least 2 hours of training in the stigma, discrimination and unrecognized bias toward persons who have acquired or are at a high risk of acquiring human immunodeficiency virus within 2 years after beginning to provide or supervise the provision of such services or care. **[Let's discuss possibly removing this. Added in 2023, SB439]**

3. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license who treats or cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in geriatrics and gerontology, including such topics as:

(a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address aging issues;

(b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons, including both didactic and clinical approaches;

(c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of the aging process; and

(d) The importance of maintenance of function and independence for older persons. **[Added in 2003, AB349]**

4. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice medicine to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing education, training concerning methods for educating patients about how to effectively manage medications, including, without limitation, the ability of the patient to request to have the symptom or purpose for which a drug is prescribed included on the label attached to the container of the drug. **[Added in 2011, SB329]**

5. ***If the physician, physician assistant, or anesthesiologist assistant provides direct patient care,*** ~~[T]~~ ***t***he Board shall require each holder of a license to practice medicine to receive as a portion of his or her continuing education at least 2 hours of instruction every 4 years on evidence-based suicide prevention and

awareness, which may include, without limitation, instruction concerning:

(a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to detect behaviors that may lead to suicide, including, without limitation, post-traumatic stress disorder;

(b) Approaches to engaging other professionals in suicide intervention; and

(c) The detection of suicidal thoughts and ideations and the prevention of suicide. **[*See* note above about 2015 and 2017 bills.]**

6. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice medicine or as a physician assistant to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing education, training and education in the diagnosis of rare diseases, including, without limitation:

(a) Recognizing the symptoms of pediatric cancer; and

(b) Interpreting family history to determine whether such symptoms indicate a normal childhood illness or a condition that requires additional examination. **[Added in 2019, SB315]**

7. A holder of a license to practice medicine may not substitute the continuing education credits relating to suicide prevention and awareness required by this section for the purposes of satisfying an equivalent requirement for continuing education in ethics. **[Added in 2017, AB105]**

8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.2535, a holder of a license to practice medicine may substitute not more than 2 hours of continuing education credits in pain management, care for persons with an addictive disorder or the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use disorder for the purposes of satisfying an equivalent requirement for continuing education in ethics. **[Initially added in 2013, SB139 (only pain management or addiction care). Amended in 2015, AB93 (to include CMEs on suicide detection, intervention, and prevention). Amended in 2017, AB105 (to remove suicide in total from this provision and adding subsection 7, above). Amended in 2021, AB442 (to add SBIRT).]**

9. As used in this section, "primary care" means the practice of family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology and midwifery.

NRS 630.2535 Training required for certain physicians and physician assistants relating to persons with substance use and other addictive disorders and prescribing of opioids; exemption for one licensure period for certain registration; regulations.

1. The Board shall, by regulation, require each physician or physician assistant who is registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to NRS 453.231 to complete at least 2 hours of training relating specifically to persons with substance use and other addictive disorders and the prescribing of opioids during each period of licensure. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, such training may include, without limitation, training in the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use disorder. Any licensee may use training required by the regulations adopted pursuant to this section to satisfy 2 hours of any continuing education requirement established by the Board.

~~[2. A physician may not use continuing education in the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use disorder to satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 for a licensure period during which the licensee also uses such continuing education to satisfy a requirement for continuing education in ethics pursuant to subsection 9 of NRS 630.253.]~~

~~[3.]~~ ***2.*** A physician or physician assistant who obtains a registration to treat opioid dependency with narcotic medications in accordance with the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000, 21 U.S.C. §§ 823 et seq., is exempt from the training required by subsection 1 for one period of licensure. A physician or physician assistant may use such registration to satisfy 4 hours of the total number of hours of continuing education required by the Board pursuant to NRS 630.253 during one period of licensure.

NRS 630.269 Regulations concerning licensure. The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensure of perfusionists, including, without limitation:

1. The criteria for licensure as a perfusionist and the standards of professional conduct for holders of such a license;
2. The qualifications and fitness of applicants for licenses, renewal of licenses and reciprocal licenses;
3. The fee for the reinstatement of expired licenses;
4. The requirements for continuing education for the renewal of a license ***which shall require completion of at least 1 hour of continuing education in nutrition and metabolic health, as approved by the Board's regulations;***
5. A code of ethics for perfusionists; and
6. The procedures for the revocation, suspension or denial of a license for a violation of this chapter or the regulations of the Board.

NRS 630.279 Regulations concerning licensure. The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensure of practitioners of respiratory care, including, without limitation:

1. Educational and other qualifications of applicants;
2. Required academic programs which applicants must successfully complete;
3. Procedures for applying for and issuing licenses;
4. Tests or examinations of applicants by the Board;
5. The types of medical services that a practitioner of respiratory care may perform, except that a practitioner of respiratory care may not perform those specific functions and duties delegated or otherwise restricted by specific statute to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractic physicians, naprapaths, podiatric physicians, optometrists, physicians, osteopathic physicians or hearing aid specialists pursuant to this chapter or chapter 631, 633, 634, 634B, 635, 636 or 637B of NRS, as appropriate, or persons who hold a license to engage in radiation therapy and radiologic imaging or a limited license to engage in radiologic imaging pursuant to chapter 653 of NRS;
6. The duration, renewal and termination of licenses; and

7. The grounds and procedures for disciplinary actions against practitioners of respiratory care.

8. To renew a license to practice as a practitioner of respiratory care, an applicant must complete at least 1 hour of continuing education in nutrition and metabolic health, as approved by the Board's regulations.

NRS 630.289 Expiration and renewal of license.

1. Each license issued pursuant to NRS 630.283 expires on June 30 or, if June 30 is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, on the next business day after June 30, of every odd-numbered year and may be renewed if, before the license expires, the holder of the license submits to the Board:

(a) A completed application for renewal on a form prescribed by the Board;

(b) Proof that the applicant has successfully completed at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the National Society of Genetic Counselors, or its successor organization, since the license was issued or most recently renewed, as applicable, ***and at least 1 hour of continuing education in nutrition and metabolic health as approved by the Board's regulations;***

(c) Proof that the applicant holds a valid certification issued by the American Board of Genetic Counseling, or its successor organization;

(d) Proof that the applicant has satisfied any other requirements prescribed by the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 630.282; and

(e) The applicable fee for renewal of the license prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 630.268.

2. The Board shall send a notice of renewal to each licensee not later than 60 days before his or her license expires. The notice must include the amount of the fee for renewal of the license.

CME REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

For all *active* Physician, Physician Assistant & Anesthesiologist Assistant licensees

All CMEs must be *AMA PRA Category 1* (for MDs and AAs), classified by the *AAPA as Category 1* (for PAs), or *NSBME Board approved*

Initial **Licensure Date**	**Total # of Hours Required**	**Minimum # of hours *within scope of practice/specialty***	**Minimum # of hours in *Ethics, Pain Management, or Addiction Care***	**Minimum # of hours in *other* subject matter(s) See Courses Listed in Blue Below for Other Requirements***
Prior to 7/1/2025 or 7/1/2025-12/31/2025	**40**	20	2	18
1/1/2026-6/30/2026	**30**	15	2	13
7/1/2026-12/31/2026	**20**	10	2	8
1/1/2027-6/30/2027	**10**	5	2	3

All licensees must complete a minimum of 2 hours of Ethics, Pain Management *or* Addiction Care CME each biennium

The following continuing medical education (CME) courses must be completed within 2 years of your initial licensure, and need only be completed one time:

- **2 hours: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)**

The following CME must be completed once every 2 years if the category applies to you:

- *If you are registered to dispense controlled substances*: **2 hours in Misuse and Abuse of Controlled Substances; Prescribing of Opioids; or Addiction**

- *If you are a psychiatrist or physician assistant working with a psychiatrist as your supervising physician*: **2 hours in Cultural Competency and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Additional requirement, must be completed by all licensees within 2 years of your initial licensure, and once every 4 years thereafter:

- **2 hours: Suicide Detection, Intervention, and Prevention**

Additional requirement only for M.D.s and PAs who provide or supervise the provision of emergency medical services in a hospital or primary care. Must be completed within 2 years after beginning to provide or supervise the provision of such services or care

- **2 hours: Stigma, Discrimination and Unrecognized Bias Toward Persons Who Have Acquired or Are at High Risk of Acquiring Human Immunodeficiency Virus**

You may receive up to 4 hours double credit for courses taken in the following areas:

- **Geriatrics and Gerontology, Effective Management of Medications, Diagnosis of Rare Diseases, including Pediatric Cancer**

** The above items in blue may count toward your "other" subject matter(s) CME requirement*

*** Please note that you will be required to attest to completion of all required Continuing Education courses during each renewal. You may be selected in the renewal CME audit, at which time you would be required to provide proof of completion.*

CME is not required for Inactive Licensees

CEU REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

For all *active* Perfusionist licensees

All CEUs must be approved by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion

Initial **Licensure Date**	**Total # of Hours Required**	**Minimum # of hours in *Ethics, Pain Management, or Addiction Care***	**Minimum # of *other* CEU hours See Courses Listed in Blue Below for Other Requirements***
Prior to 7/1/2025 or 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	**30**	2	28
7/1/2026-6/30/2027	**16**	2	14

1. The license of a perfusionist may be renewed biennially. Except as otherwise provided in section 2, each person licensed as a perfusionist shall, at the time of renewal of his or her license, provide satisfactory proof to the Board that he or she has completed during the biennial licensing period at least 30 hours of continuing education units that have been approved for credit by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion. The continuing education units must be completed in the various categories of continuing education recognized by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion as follows:

(a) At least 15 hours, not less than 2 hours of which must be related to medical ethics, must be completed in Category I approved continuing education which may include, without limitation, such activities as:

(1) Attendance at an international, national, regional or state meeting relating to perfusion.
(2) Publication of a book, chapter or article relating to perfusion.
(3) Presenting or addressing at an international, national, regional or state meeting relating to perfusion.
(4) Completion of a self-directed continuing education course relating to perfusion.

(b) Not more than 15 hours may be completed in Category II or Category III approved continuing education, which may include, without limitation, such activities as:

(1) Attendance at an international, national, regional or state meeting relating to perfusion that has not been approved for Category I credit.
(2) Attendance at a manufacturer-specific or company-sponsored educational activity that was not equally accessible to all perfusionists.
(3) Attendance at a medically related international, national, regional, state or local meeting that has not been approved for Category I credit.
(4) Attendance at advanced cardiac life-support training that has not been approved for Category I credit.
(5) Individual education and other self-study activities that have not been approved for Category I credit.

If the perfusionist was licensed on or after July 1, 2026, during the second year of the biennial licensing period, he or she must attain and prove upon his or her renewal application the completion during the biennial licensing period of at least 16 hours of continuing education units that have been approved for credit by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion, as follows:

(a) At least 8 hours, not less than 2 hours of which must be related to medical ethics, must be completed in Category I approved continuing education activities, as defined in section 1; and

(b) Not more than 8 hours must be completed in Category II and Category III approved continuing education activities, as defined in section 1.

** Please note that you will be required to attest to completion of all required Continuing Education courses during each renewal.*
You may be selected in the renewal CEU audit, at which time you will be required to provide proof of completion.

CEU REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

For all *active* Practitioner of Respiratory Care licensees

Initial **Licensure Date**	**Total # of Hours Required**	**Minimum # of hours *directly related to the practice of Respiratory Care***	**Minimum # of hours in *Ethics***
Prior to 7/1/2025 or 7/1/2025-12/31/2025	**20**	12	2
1/1/2026-6/30/2026	**15**	9	2
7/1/2026-12/31/2026	**10**	6	2
1/1/2027-6/30/2027	**5**	3	2

The Board has approved the following sources of continuing education

The American Medical Association
The American Association for Respiratory Care
any American State Board of Respiratory Care
any American State Board of Nursing
The Center for Disease Control
The American Lung Association
The American Heart Association
The Red Cross of America
American Nurses Association
American Thoracic Society
American College of Chest Physicians
College of American Pathologists
Society for American Anesthesiology
Society for Critical Care Medicine
National Society for Cardiopulmonary Technology
www.learnwell.org (medical ethics online)

In addition to these approved sources for qualified continuing professional education, there are educational programs provided by various health care facilities that have been approved by the Board

Note: Any program approved by the American Association for Respiratory Care for Continuing Respiratory Care Education (CRCE) shall be accepted as being directly related to the practice of respiratory care. All other educational episodes submitted as being directly related to the practice of respiratory care will be approved at the discretion of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners.

** Please note that you will be required to attest to completion of all required Continuing Education courses during each renewal. You may be selected in the renewal CEU audit, at which time you would be required to provide proof of completion.*