
MAINTAINING YOUR CODP BOARD REGISTRATION

Board Registered CODP I/II

Board registered Co-Occurring Disorder Professionals (CODP) will follow the guidelines set forth in the Illinois Standard for Board Registered CODP I/II. They are required to pay a biennial registration fee of \$150 for CODP I and \$170 for CODP II and submit 40 continuing education units (CEUs) on or before the expiration date that is printed on the certificate. A late fee of \$45 will be assessed if the certification is not renewed on time.

COD professionals will be notified via email that their registration is about to expire no fewer than 60 days prior to the expiration date. They will submit their biennial certification fee and CEUs to the Illinois Certification Board (ICB) by their expiration date through their Certemy account. Refer to the [ICB CEU Bulletin](#) for all ICB approved workshops, seminars and programs.

A. Continuing Education Policy

1. Forty (40) ICB approved continuing education units (CEUs) are required to maintain board registration, and must be earned within the two-year registration period. An average of 20 CEUs should be obtained each year. CEUs are not transferable to any other board registration period. CEUs earned prior to initial board registration are not eligible to be used for maintaining registration. COD professionals may receive CEU credit only once for a training event, even if repeated during different board registration periods. A CEU is equivalent to one clock hour. (Excluded is non-program time such as breaks, social hours, registration time, meal times). One college semester hour of credit is equivalent to 15 CEUs, one college trimester hour of credit is equivalent to 12 CEUs, and one college quarter hour of credit is equivalent to 10 CEUs.
2. All 40 CEUs required to maintain registration **must** be recognized or petitioned for ICB CEUs. Continuing education is broken down into two categories. Some continuing education may be recognized by ICB for both categories.

- **CATEGORY I** - Minimum 15 CEUs of education specific to knowledge and skills related to alcohol and other drug (AOD) or mental health disorders.

Examples of Category I education are pharmacology, signs and symptoms of AOD, history of AOD, AOD modalities, AOD rules and regulations, AOD and mental illness special populations, signs and symptoms of mental illness, history of mental illness treatment, mental illness rules and regulations.

- **CATEGORY II** - Minimum 25 CEUs of education specific to knowledge and skills related to the Core Functions of COD professionals, but does not have to be AOD or mental health specific (refer to the Illinois Standard for a list of core functions). This education covers counselor skills, competencies, and knowledge base.

Examples of Category II education are human behavior/development, dysfunctional behavior, human sexuality, family dynamics, domestic violence, cultural issues, special populations, social services, confidentiality, legal systems, crisis intervention, counseling approaches with Co-Occurring Disorder (COD) clients, health and safety, attitudes toward COD population, roles, boundaries, and professional relationship dynamics, relapse prevention, therapy/dynamics of counseling/rehabilitation, research methods, intervention.

B. Sources of Continuing Education Units

1. Recognized programs are training/education programs ICB has identified as fulfilling the criteria for CEU credit and have been awarded CEUs by ICB or are pre-recognized sources. The certificate of completion will contain the name of the participant, name of program, date of program, program number assigned by ICB, number of CEUs, and the category. Refer to the [ICB CEU Bulletin](#) for all ICB approved workshops, seminars and programs.
2. COD professionals may receive up to 12 Category II CEUs every two years for volunteer time serving as a member of the Board of Directors, a member of a Board committee, or a member of an ICB committee.
3. Teaching and/or Training Other AOD, Mental Health, or COD professionals in AOD, Mental Health, or COD Knowledge Areas qualifies for up to 15 CEUs every two years. The number of CEUs awarded will be equal to the number of hours spent in actual training time. Patient education lectures and public education lectures are not eligible. Presentations for which the COD professional has previously received credit are also not eligible. Petitions must be submitted for any presentations that have not been awarded ICB CEUs.
4. Research papers, accepted for publication, reading or discussion at a professional meeting or conference, and professional publications in the AOD, Mental Health or COD field qualify for up to 15 CEUs every two years. The topic must pertain to AOD, Mental Health, or COD and address one of the knowledge or skill areas. The work can be counted only once, even though presented in more than one format or location. Petitions must be submitted for CEUs.

C. Agency In-service Education and Training Programs

Of the 40 CEUs required biennially, 20 CEUs may be agency in-service training programs. Inservices not previously awarded CEU recognition by ICB may be petitioned for CEUs

D. Validation of Continuing Education

COD professionals must document that they have obtained CEUs and submit the appropriate validation for each educational experience.

1. Certificates or other proof of completion for ICB recognized or petitioned trainings.
2. Transcripts or other official grade reports for college or university courses.

E. Procedures for COD Professionals to Petition for CEUs

Not all educational experiences available to the COD professional will have been awarded CEUs by ICB, requiring the COD professional to petition such education/training for CEU credit. Requests are to be submitted to ICB on the petition form with the following information:

- Documentation of attendance
- Goals and objectives of the program
- Date/length of program in clock hours
- Brochure or other document describing program content
- Sponsor, location, instructor, and target population
- Definition of the training type (publication, workshop, seminar)
- Identification of the AOD and/or Mental Health specific content and/or knowledge/skill related to the Core Functions
- Non-refundable petition fee (\$10.00)

Requests will be reviewed within 30 days, and the COD professional will be notified of the results. If recognized, the COD professional will be informed of the number of CEUs awarded.

F. Extension of Continuing Education Requirements

A COD professional unable to meet the continuing education requirements for recertification may request a one-month extension through their Certemy portal. The one-month extension is \$50.00. To request an extension, professionals must include the biennial certification fee plus \$50.00 for the one-month extension. The extension time starts from the certified member's expiration date. Extensions will not be granted beyond one month. Professionals who have not met the requirements for recertification by the end of the extension time will have their certification terminated. They will not be permitted to place their certification on inactive status.

G. Inactive Status

COD professionals in good standing unable to meet the continuing education requirements for registration maintenance due to health or extenuating personal reasons may place their board registration on inactive status if they meet the requirements. The process for reactivation from inactive status will then be followed when they wish to activate their board registration.

For detailed information refer to the [Illinois Standard for Board Registered Co-Occurring Disorder Professional I/II.](#)