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# MAINTAINING YOUR MEDICATION ASSISTED ADDICTION TREATMENT PROFESSIONAL BOARD REGISTRATION

## Board Registered MAATP

Board registered Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment Professionals (MAATPs) will follow the guidelines set forth in the Illinois Standard for Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment Professionals. They are required to pay a biennial registration fee of \$150 (or \$40 if you are a current ICB certified alcohol and other drug counselor) and submit 40 continuing education units (CEUs) on or before the expiration date that is designated on the certificate. A late fee of \$45.00 will be assessed if the registration is not renewed on time.

MAATPs will be notified that their registration is about to expire no fewer than 60 days prior to the expiration date. The renewal notice will come via email. They will submit their biennial registration fee and CEUs to the Illinois Certification Board (ICB) by their expiration date. Fees are to be paid and CEUs are to be uploaded into their online Certemy portal in order for their renewal to be processed by ICB.

### A. Continuing Education Policy

1. **Forty (40) 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 obtained prior to the professional's initial date of board registration are not eligible for maintaining registration. A MAATP 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.

The CEUs must include the following topic:

- **15 CEUs in Alcohol and Other Drugs OR Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment**

At least 15 CEUs of education that are on alcohol and other drug or medication assisted addiction treatment information (Examples: pharmacology, signs and symptoms of substance use disorder, MAAT and/or AOD rules and regulations, biomedical issues in MAAT, MAAT treatment approaches, stigma reduction for MAAT patients.)

**The remaining CEUs are to be education specific to knowledge and skills related to the Core Functions of MAATPs (refer to the Illinois Standard for a list of the core functions). These CEUs do not need to be AOD or MAAT specific.**

(Examples: theory/techniques of therapeutic approaches, human behavior/development, family dynamics, domestic violence, cultural issues, special populations, confidentiality, legal systems, health and safety, professional relationship dynamics, crisis intervention.)

Board Registered MAATPs who are also a licensed physician, LCPC, LCSW, or licensed psychologist need only submit 10 AOD or MAAT specific CEUs and proof of current licensure. Board Registered MAATPs who are also ICB certified alcohol and other drug use counselors, need only submit 10 AOD or MAAT specific CEUs and proof of current ICB certification.

MAATPs have the option to complete all 40 of their CEUs on alcohol and other drug or medication assisted addiction treatment specific topics.

### 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 and date of the program, signature of instructor or sponsor, program number assigned by ICB, and the number of CEUs.
2. Structured individual continuing education, such as home study programs, is available to MAATPs with a maximum of 15 CEUs every two years.
3. Teaching and training other MAATPs in MAAT knowledge or competency areas qualifies for up to a maximum of 15 CEUs in a two-year registration period. The number of CEUs awarded will be equal to the number of hours spent in actual training time. Patient education and public education lectures are not eligible for CEUs. Presentations for which the MAATP 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 alcohol and other drug and/or MAAT field qualifies for up to a maximum of 15 CEUs in a two-year registration period. The topic must pertain to issues relating to alcohol and other drugs or MAAT specific and address one of the knowledge or skill areas or core functions. 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 must be petitioned for CEUs

**D. Validation of Continuing Education**

MAATPs must document 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 MAATPs to Petition for CEUs**

Not all educational experiences available to the board registered MAATP will have been awarded CEUs by ICB, requiring the MAATP 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 MAAT specific content and/or knowledge/skill related to the Core Functions
- Non-refundable petition fee

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

**F. Extension of Continuing Education Requirements**

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

**G. Inactive Status**

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

**For detailed information refer to the Illinois Standard for Board Registered Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment Professionals.**