CME/CEU Credit Information

For physicians:
UC Irvine Health School of Medicine is an ACCME accredited provider that awards *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* to physicians who participate in a CME approved activity. The ACCME describes CME in this way: “Continuing medical education consists of educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. The content of CME is that body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public.”

For other healthcare professionals:
CME Credit is not related to other specialty CEU Credit. As an accredited provider of CME, we do not provide any type of CEUs. However, non-physician healthcare professionals who complete an accredited activity receive an HP certificate (Healthcare Provider Certificate). It is similar to an attendance certificate. That person then may submit that certificate to their own credentialing board (nursing, pharmacy, social work, etc.) to see if they can obtain transferrable CEUs from that board.

**Note!** Please check directly with the CBRN, AOA, or other agencies for wording requirements when mentioning credit in promotional materials. Our office will guide you only on ACCME and AMA wording requirements for CME.

Various licensing boards’ guidelines on CME are described in the pages listed below.

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Case Manager
Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC)
The CCMC renewal guide provides directions on submitting CE units on pages 8-10. Log in to your CCMC account to access the renewal guide on your dashboard. CCMC will accept any CE credit as long as the content you learned is directly related to case management.

Dentist
Dental Board of California
Credits from UCI School of Medicine CME courses cannot be transferred to meet the CE requirements of the Dental Board of California. Credits can only be claimed by dentists for courses provided by organizations officially registered with the Dental Board of California, Academy of General Dentistry’s Continued Education Recognition Program (CERP), and/or the American Dental Association’s Program Approval for Continued Education (PACE).

Health Educator
National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC)
Health educators may receive Category II credits from the NCHEC by completing the category II claim form.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker
California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS)
Credits from our CME courses cannot be transferred to meet the CE requirements of the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) for LCSWs. BBS does not accept AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for LCSW license renewals. CE credits must be provided by a select group of providers (Approved List).

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS)
Credits from our CME courses cannot be transferred to meet the CE requirements of the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) for LMFTs. BBS does not accept AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for LMFT license renewals. CE credits must be provided by a select group of providers (Approved List).

Medical Librarian
Medical Library Association/Academy of Health Information Professionals (MLA/AHIP)
MLA/AHIP accepts CME credits from courses provided by ACCME accredited providers for its members to earn points for continuing education (AHIP Points).

Naturopathic Doctor
California Naturopathic Doctors Association
The California Naturopathic Doctors Association accepts AMA PRA Category 1™ for its members to meet continuing education requirements (CALND CE Requirements).

Nurse
California Board of Registered Nursing (CBRN)
The CBRN recognizes CME credit as transferrable for their members. Nurses may receive CEUs after submitting their UC Irvine attendance certificate directly to their board (Renewal).

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners accepts CME-accredited courses for their members as part of their requirements for recertification. (Recertification FAQ)
American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
The ANCC accepts formally approved CME accredited course for its members to gain CEUs (ANCC).

Pharmacist
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
Pharmacy Foundation of California (PFC)
If a CE course is not accredited by the ACPE or the PFC, or approved as CE for pharmacists, you may petition the board for CE credit by submitting a "Pharmacists Petition for Continuing Education Credit from A Non-Recognized Provider" form from www.pharmacy.ca.gov and a fee of $40 per hour of coursework. When submitting the petition, a copy of the completion certificate, a copy of the course brochure or advertisement, and course outline is required.

Physical Therapist
Department of Consumer Affairs, Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC)
California Code of Regulations, Title 16 Division 13.2, Article 13, Section 1399.94, Description F allows the alternate pathway of attending CME conferences to accumulate continuing competency hours for PTBC licensees. To claim attendance for a CME course, the attendee must provide their attendance certificate and supplemental proof that the course content pertains to physical therapy. A maximum of 2 hours can be claimed per conference with a cap of 8 hours per renewal period. (PTBC)

Physician
American Medical Association (AMA)
CME credit is awarded to physicians by CME accredited courses. Physicians may also claim AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ directly from the AMA for learning that occurs as a result of teaching in live CME activities, being the lead author of poster presentations or published articles, obtaining a medically related advanced degree, American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member board certification and Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Credit can only be awarded for activities taking place or completed within the last six years.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
2A credit is provided for AMA credits earned through live courses; 2B credit is provided for AMA credits earned through online self-study courses. DO participants may submit a copy of their Certificate of Attendance to the AOA office to receive Category 2 credit. For faster processing, be sure your AOA number always accompanies any CME request submitted. Visit the CME Guide for the Osteopathic Physician on the AOA website to apply for credit.

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
For the AAFP, CME-accredited courses are accepted as elective credit as follows:
“These activities are not automatically considered to have AAFP Prescribed credit. However, activities that have AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and AOA-approved activities are automatically accepted as AAFP Elective credit.” (AAFP Credit)

International
Physicians may earn AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for participation in some international activities. As of this writing, the AMA has agreements with the European Union of Medical Specialists (outlined below) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Information about different ways to earn AMA PRA credit through international activities can be found on the AMA website.

European Attendees
The American Medical Association has an agreement of mutual recognition of Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits with the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), the accreditation body for European countries. Physicians interested in converting *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* to UEMS-European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education CME credits (ECMECs) should contact the UEMS at mutualrecognition@uems.eu.

**Physician Assistant**  
*California Department of Consumer Affairs Physician Assistant Board*  
Category 1 continuing medical education is required for physician assistants. Admissible CME must be provided by AMA and ACCME providers, among others. Visit the CA PAC Board’s [Renewal Page](#) For more info.

*National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)*  
Certification requirements include 100 hours of CME, 50 of which must be Category 1 credits and the rest can be either Category 1 or 2. ([NCCPA CME](#)).

**Psychologist**  
*California Board of Psychology*  
The California Board of Psychology recognizes CME credit as transferrable for their members. Psychologists may receive CEUs after submitting their UC Irvine HP certificate directly to their board.

**Qualified Medical Evaluator**  
*California Dept. of Industrial Relations Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC)*  
CCR Title 8, Section 55 (b)(3): “Attending a program which is accepted by the QME’s licensing board for renewal of his or her professional license, provided the subject matter is directly related to California impairment evaluation or workers’ compensation medical dispute evaluation. To request credit for this type of course, the QME must submit: (A) proof of attendance; (B) written material which describes the program content and program faculty; and (C) documentation that the program is for continuing education credit by the physician’s licensing board.”

**Registered Health Information Administrator**  
*American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)*  
AHIMA accepts CE from organizations other than AHIMA, provided they qualify as valid continuing education activities and are relevant to health informatics and information management. See page 6 of the [Recertification Guide](#) for qualifying activities for details.

**Sonographer**  
*American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®)*  
*American Medical Association (AMA) Physicians Recognition Award, Category I CME credits meet the requirements of the ARDMS Accepted Continuing Education Evaluation Model System (AACEEEMS) Checklist.* [ARDMS](#)