

BAC CE and Summits Frequently Asked Questions

What are the continuing education requirements for all BAC licensees?

1. If you were issued a license before April 1, 2009, you will be required to obtain 4 hours of instruction in safety, sanitation and infection control and 2 hours of instruction in the Wisconsin laws governing their profession prior to your next renewal in March 2011.

This is a total of 6 CE hours.

2. If you were issued a license between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2011, you **will not be required** to complete continuing education hours until your 2013 renewal.

Who is required to obtain CE?

- Aestheticians
- Electrologists
- BAC Managers
- BAC Practitioners
- Manicurists

Will there be other opportunities, in addition to the DRL sponsored Summits, for licensees to obtain our required continuing education and who can offer CE?

Yes, licensees will be able to obtain CE from any or all of the following:

- Programs that are provided by a school that is licensed by a state.
- Workshops that are approved by a state or national BAC professional organization.
- Programs presented by a barbering and cosmetology, or other related profession, instructor who is licensed by a state.
- Programs presented by the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board (Board) or the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

The board may approve other programs that offer significant professional educational benefits for licensees that are presented by a university, technical college, or product distribution company.

All courses (safety, sanitation and infection control) must meet the criteria in the administrative code. Any provider that wants to offer the Wisconsin law course must write the course to follow the curriculum that DRL is creating. The course must be submitted to DRL for review and approval. Once the course is approved it will be posted on our website as an approved law course. Licensees can only obtain credit for law courses that are DRL approved.

How will I complete the CE requirement if I am living in another state?

We expect that some CE courses will be offered on-line. Some classes offered in other states may be acceptable to meet the CE requirements in Wisconsin for safety, sanitation and infection control. In order to be accepted in Wisconsin, CE must be offered by an accepted provider as outlined previously in this document.

Will continuing education be available online?

Yes, CE will be available online. Continuing education credit hours may be obtained through independent study and online courses that are approved under s. BC 11.02. It is the licensee's responsibility to search out and identify courses that meet their continuing

education requirement. A list of available courses will be on our website once approved by the Board on May 3, 2010.

Do I need to obtain continuing education for my establishment license?

No.

Are instructors required to obtain the 6 hours of continuing education?

If the instructor holds a current BAC license, other than the instructor's license, he or she must comply with the CE requirements relative to that license.

When can continuing education be offered?

Approved CE courses taken and completed after April 1, 2010 will count toward the 2011 renewal requirement.

What will the cost be for the continuing education courses offered at the DRL Summits to be held in Madison and Milwaukee?

The registration fee for the Summits is \$85. An early bird price of \$75 is available for registrations received by June 18th for the Milwaukee Summit and July 16th for the Madison Summit. The fee will be \$100 for late registrations received after July 16th for the Milwaukee Summit and September 17th for the Madison Summit. Walk-in registration will cost \$150.

I am a licensed instructor, how do I get approval to teach a CE course?

You do not need approval from the Department to teach a course as long as you are a licensed instructor.

Do I need to hold both a manager and practitioner license?

No. As long as you maintain your manager's license, per Department policy you do not have to simultaneously maintain your practitioner's license.

Do I need to complete continuing education if I am not currently practicing?

Yes. All licensees must complete continuing education hours in order to renew.