

APPROVED BOARD TOPIC CONTENT CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1 – Amplification and Hearing Rehabilitation Issues:

- Hearing Aid Technology: Instrument Circuitry and Acoustic Performance Data;
- Earmold/Shell Coupling Systems: Design, Selection, Modifications, and Ear Impressions;
- Hearing Aid Selection Procedures, Fitting/Adjustment (i.e., Verification) Techniques, and Servicing/Repairs; and
- Hearing (i.e., Aural) Rehabilitation Using Amplification: Auditory Training, Hearing Aid Orientation and Counseling Techniques, Hearing Aid Validation Techniques.

CATEGORY 2 – Hearing Loss and Consumer Related Issues:

- Biological/Physical/Behavioral Bases Underlying Normal and Pathological Hearing Processes;
- Detection/Assessment/Monitoring of Hearing Impairment (i.e., Measurement Techniques and Test Interpretation), including Intraoperative Monitoring;
- Cochlear Implants/Implantable Hearing Devices;
- Central Auditory Processing/ADHD;
- Assistive Listening Devices, Including FM Systems;
- Techniques for Development of Speech/Language in Children with Hearing Loss, or Augmentative/Alternative Communication Strategies for Children/Adults with Hearing Loss;
- Cerumen Management, Dizziness, or Tinnitus as it Directly Pertains to Persons with Hearing Loss;
- Hearing Impaired Consumers' Views of the Hearing Health Care Industry and Consumer Complaints;
- Infection Control Issues for the Hearing Health Care Profession;
- Professional Conduct and Regulatory Issues Pertaining to the Fitting and Selling of Hearing Aids, or the Practice of Audiology or Otolaryngology; and
- Hearing Aid Business Practices (e.g., Hearing Aid Office Management, Sales Contracts, and Hearing Aid Marketing or Industry Trends).

Examples of topics that are not eligible for approval are as follows:

- Financial Planning, or Computer Training (not related to the fitting/programming of hearing instruments), for the Business Owner/Employees, and Employment Contracts;
- The Balance Mechanism or Tinnitus, **if Not Directly Pertaining to Persons with Hearing Loss**;
- Supervision of Audiology Graduate Students, or Development/Status of the Au.D. Degree;
- Cerumen Management, **if Not Directly Pertaining to Persons with Hearing Loss**; and
- Training Designed for License Examination Preparation.

Note: When sessions with essentially identical content are presented at the same or different CE Programs during any two consecutive Board CEU Accrual Years, CEUs shall not be issued for the second or more occasion that any session in question is attended by an individual seeking credits from this Board. A CEU Accrual Year is defined as April 1st of any calendar year through March 31st of the following year.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 25-3-506 and 21 NCAC 22F .0103 (d), a processing fee of \$25.00 will be charged for any check on which payment is refused by the payor bank. It should be noted that, in order to comply with Board Rule 21 NCAC 22F .0103 (d) concerning those cases where payment of the required processing fee is made via company or personal check, the Board shall register attendance at the program in question and shall issue a license renewal card no sooner than 20 calendar days after receipt of the completed report and the \$15.00 fee for requesting issuance of CEUs.
