

RE: DO/MD CME Benefits for medical education in a didactic format

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AOA Category 1A credit hours and AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™ are available for physicians involved in formal medical education in a didactic format at AOA affiliated healthcare facilities/clinical teaching sites. In the past, only AOA Category 1B for precepting students and/or interns, and residents had been available.

It is the policy of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM), Department of Continuing Medical Education to insure that teaching credit (AOA Category 1A and AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™) is granted on an hour by hour basis for formal didactic teaching sessions in AOA approved healthcare facilities, including those associated with the Northeast Osteopathic Medical Education Network (NEOMEN).

DEFINITION OF FORMAL DIDACTIC SESSIONS

Didactic sessions are those involving a lecture or textbook instruction, rather than demonstration and lab study. The American Osteopathic Association's Continuing Medical Education Guide for Osteopathic Physicians (2010-2012, page 2) states the following:

AOA Category 1A Credits will be granted to physicians who deliver formal medical education in a didactic format on an hour-for-hour basis. Methods of such education are **limited to:**

1. Formal delivery of osteopathic medical education lectures in colleges of osteopathic medicine.
2. Formal delivery of osteopathic medical education to students, interns, residents, and staff of AOA approved healthcare facilities.

HOW TO GRANT AOA CATEGORY 1A CREDIT (DOs)

Teaching credit must be submitted by the CME Department of an AOA accredited Category 1 CME college of osteopathic medicine or Category 1 CME sponsoring hospital.

If your site has didactics that include both UNECOM undergraduate medical students and residents or interns – only one submission of the Teaching Credit Form is necessary to the Department of Continuing Medical Education.

In order to grant AOA Category 1A credit for your formal didactic teaching, please follow this process:

1. You must not already claim this through another CME sponsor.
2. You cannot claim "prep" time.
3. You must complete the "Teaching Credit Report Form" (attached) twice a year, (December 1st and May 1st) and send to the UNECOM Department of Continuing Medical Education via mail, email or fax.
4. Resubmit with each roster the institutional core competency plan or distinct yearly teaching objectives.
5. 30 credits total will count toward the 120 hour AOA requirement (30 1A credits are the minimum; it is allowable to have additional 1A credits or all 120 hours in Category 1A).

HOW TO CLAIM AMA PRA CATEGORY 2 CREDIT™ (MDs)

AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™ is self-designated and claimed by individual physicians for participation in activities not certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™, such as:

1. Teaching physicians, residents, medical students or other health professionals qualifies.
2. Comply with the AMA definition of CME; comply with the relevant AMA ethical opinions; at the time of this writing this includes 8.061 "Gifts to Physicians from Industry" and 9.011 "Continuing Medical Education," are not promotional; and a physician finds to be a worthwhile learning experience related to his/her practice.
3. Documentation: The MD physician self claims credit by documenting activity title or description, subject or content area, date(s) of participation and number of credits claimed. Each physician is responsible for claiming and maintaining a record of their AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™.