

CONTINUING EDUCATION CATEGORIES AND CREDITS

Programs or Activities that Qualify

1. Attendance at any program, seminar, or other activity approved by the Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners; or, the Board or Commission of another jurisdiction, provided such program or activity, otherwise complies with the Arkansas rules.
2. A program approved by a generally recognized court reporter's organization such as the NSVRA or NCRA: **hour for hour credit based upon a 60 minute hour. HOWEVER, PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH THE ARKANSAS RULES. FOR EXAMPLE, ARKANSAS DOES NOT ACCEPT SELF-STUDY OR CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.**
3. Participating as a panelist at any approved seminar: **4 CE credits per hour**
4. Participating as a solo instructor at any approved seminar: **6 CE credits per hour**
5. Attendance at any approved continuing **legal** education seminar: **CE credit same as for attorneys**
6. Attaining advanced certification in the court reporting profession offered by any state or national organization which is in addition to basic certification by any jurisdiction: **5 CE credits**; and, attending a refresher course for such certification: **5 CE credits**
7. Attaining a score of 95% or more on any national or state sponsored speed contest: **5 CE credits**
8. CE credits for academic courses taken at an accredited post high school institution, college, or university: **15 CE credits for each academic hour of credit successfully completed; or, 5 CE credits for each academic hour audited.** In the event the institution, college, or university operates on a less than full semester standard, CE credits will be prorated accordingly.
 - a. Passing a college level equivalency placement test for an academic subject: **4 CE credits**
 - b. Successfully completing an adult education course in an academic subject at an accredited school: **hour for hour credit with a maximum of 10 credits**
 - c. Academic subject presumes content reasonably expected to enhance the skills, relevant knowledge, or communication abilities of a court reporter.
9. Miscellaneous CE credits
 - a. Writing an article consisting of a minimum of 500 words related to court reporting for publication in any generally recognized journal or magazine published for the court reporting profession: **3 CE credits**
 - b. Presenting a seminar or class to lawyers, law students, paralegals, or any related group, (including training of applicants for court reporter certification,) on the profession of court reporting: **5 CE credits for each hour taught**
 - c. Alternative CE programs or activities: Programs or activities presented by way of live satellite, video tape, or telephone conferences may qualify for CE credit on an hour for hour

basis. However, such programs must otherwise comply with the requirements of Section 13 of the Rules for the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Video tape presentations must be accompanied by a competent moderator or monitor. Satellite and telephone conference activities must provide an opportunity for questions and answers. **Computer interactive activities may also qualify for credit. Such programs must be participated in contemporaneous with the live program.**

- d. Participants in the Maude Parkman Mentor Program who act as a freelance or official mentor, and who meet the requirements set out by the mentor committee, shall be entitled to a maximum of 10 continuing education (CE) credits per year. Likewise, newly certified reporters who successfully complete the requirements as set out by the mentor committee shall be entitled to a maximum of 10 CE credits. Newly certified reporters may receive 5 of those 10 credits by completing the official mentor component, or 5 of the 10 credits by completing the freelance component, or 10 credits for completing both components. Partial completion of either component by a newly certified reporter shall not be recognized for CE credit. Such CE credits are available to newly certified reporters only during the first three-year period they are required to get CE. The mentor committee shall be responsible for documenting participation in the program by mentors or new reporters in order to secure CE credit. Entitlement to continuing education credit attaches at the time the requirements set out by the mentor committee are completed.
10. CE credit not available: Self study and correspondence courses will not qualify for continuing education credit.