

FAQ: Continuing Education for Accountants from HomeTown Health/HTHU

The Georgia State Board of Accountancy does not pre-approve any providers or courses for continuing professional education. The responsibility for determining if the course meets the requirements of Board Rules Chapter 20-11 rests solely upon the provider and the licensee.

See Board Rule 20-11-.03(5) online: http://www.gscpa.org/Content/Files/SBOA_CPE_Guidelines.pdf

“The overriding consideration in determining whether a specific program qualifies as acceptable continuing education is that it be a formal program of learning which contributes directly to the professional competence of an individual licensed to practice as a certified public accountant, a registered public accountant, or a foreign accountant by this State, and which meets the minimum standards of quality of development and presentation and of measurement and reporting of credits set forth in the Statement on Standards for Formal Continuing Education Programs published by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, or such other educational standards as may be established from time to time by the Board.

(2) Subject Matter: The following general subject matters are acceptable so long as they meet the standards specified in subsection (1):

(a) Accounting and auditing;

(b) Taxation;

(c) Management services;

(d) Computer sciences;

(e) Oral and written communications;

(f) Mathematics and statistics;

(g) Economics;

(h) Business law;

(i) Functional fields of business (e.g., finance, production, marketing, personnel relations, business management, and organization);

(j) Specialized industries (e.g., real estate, agriculture, construction and financial institutions);

(k) Administration of an accounting practice.

(3) Subjects of study other than those listed above will be acceptable if the applicant can demonstrate to the Board that they contribute directly to his professional competence.

The responsibility for substantiating that a particular program is acceptable and meets the requirements rests solely upon the applicant.

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AGENDA PROVIDED BY HOMETOWN HEALTH WHICH PROVIDES DETAILS REQUIRED BELOW. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE PROVIDED ON CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.

(4) Continuing education programs requiring class or meeting attendance:

(a) General requirements:

1. An outline of the program is prepared in advance by the program director and retained by the student;
2. The program is conducted by a person whose formal training and experience qualify him as a competent instructor;
3. Hours of continuing professional education shall be calculated in full hours only;
4. A record of registration and attendance through substantially the entire program is maintained, a copy of which is retained by the student.”