



CME REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA

State-by-State Overview

State	CME Requirement
AL	No CME requirement
AK	No CME requirement
AZ	No CME requirement; The AZ Dept. of Health Services provides a free 5-hr CME course on the roles and expectations of the Medical Marijuana program. https://directorsblog.health.azdhs.gov/medical-marijuana-continuing-medical-education/
AR	No CME requirement; The Medical Board recommends that all physicians who complete the written certification take 3 hours of CME in courses which will provide physicians with information which will help as they evaluate patients. Such courses may include the pharmacology of marijuana; contraindications; side effects; adverse reactions; overdose prevention; drug interactions; dosing; routes of administration; risks and benefits; warning and precautions; and abuse and dependence. https://www.armedicalboard.org/Professionals/pdf/Guidelines%20for%20Completing%20Medical%20Marijuana.pdf
CA	No CME requirement
CO	No CME requirement
CT	No CME requirement
DE	No CME requirement
DC	No CME requirement; DC Dept. of Health provides three online modules on medical cannabis: https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/physician-education-and-training
FL	Before being approved as a qualified physician, as defined in paragraph (1)(m), and before each license renewal, a physician must successfully complete a 2-hour course and subsequent examination offered by the Florida Medical Association or the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association which encompass the requirements of this section and any rules adopted hereunder. The course and examination shall be administered at least annually and may be offered in a distance learning format, including an electronic, online format that is available upon request. http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0300-0399/0381/Sections/0381.986.html
GA	No CME requirement
GU	No CME requirement
HI	No CME requirement
ID	N/A
IL	No CME requirement
IN	No CME requirement
IA	No CME requirement
KS	N/A
KY	No CME requirement
LA	No CME requirement
ME	No CME requirement
MD	No CME requirement
MA	Physicians must complete a minimum of 2.0 Category 1 continuing professional development credits prior to issuing written certifications for the medical use of marijuana. https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/rw/physician-guidance-2015-06-09.pdf
MI	No CME requirement

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MN	No CME requirement; The MN Dept. of Health, in collaboration with TheAnswerPage, offers 22.5 CME, ANCC and ACPE credits and risk management on the endocannabinoid system and the therapeutic use of medical cannabis. https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/practitioners/index.html
MS	No CME requirement
MO	No CME requirement
MT	No CME requirement
NE	N/A
NV	No CME requirement
NH	No CME requirement
NJ	No CME requirement
NM	No CME Requirement; The NM Dept. of Health encourages certifying practitioners to obtain at least 2 hours of CME annually related to the medicinal use of cannabis. http://164.64.110.134/parts/title07/07.034.0003.html
NY	Physicians must complete a 2-4 hour course approved by the commissioner in order to register to recommend marijuana to patients. The educational content of such course shall include: the pharmacology of marihuana; contraindications; side effects; adverse reactions; overdose prevention; drug interactions; dosing; routes of administration; risks and benefits; warnings and precautions; abuse and dependence; and such other components as determined by the commissioner. https://regs.health.ny.gov/content/section-10041-practitioner-registration
NC	No CME requirement
ND	No CME requirement
OH	2 hours of CME in a course or courses certified by the Ohio State Medical Association of the Ohio Osteopathic Association that assists physicians in both of the following: 1) diagnosing qualifying medical conditions, and 2) treating qualifying medical conditions with medical marijuana, including the characteristics of medical marijuana and possible drug interactions. http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4731-32
OK	No CME requirement
OR	3 hours of Category 1 CME related to medical marijuana; ideally, this should be completed before the physician begins making recommendations for marijuana. https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/PreventionWellness/marijuana/Documents/OHA-9262-Attending-Physician-Guidelines.pdf
PA	Physicians shall complete a 4-hour training course approved by the Department prior to being included in the practitioner registry. The requirements of the training course must include, at a minimum, all of the following: (1) The provisions of the act and this part relevant to the responsibilities of a practitioner or medical professional. (2) General information about medical marijuana under Federal and State law. (3) The latest scientific research on the endocannabinoid system and medical marijuana, including the risks and benefits of medical marijuana. (4) Recommendations for medical marijuana as it relates to the continuing care of a patient in the following areas: (i) Pain management, including opioid use in conjunction with medical marijuana. (ii) Risk management, including drug interactions, side effects and potential addiction from medical marijuana use. (iii) Palliative care. (iv) The misuse of opioids and medical marijuana. (v) Recommendations for use of medical marijuana and obtaining informed consent from a patient. (vi) Any other area determined by the Department. (5) Use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. (6) Best practices for recommending the form and dosage of medical marijuana products based on the patient's serious medical condition and the practitioner's or medical professional's medical specialty and training. (c) Successful completion of the course required under subsection (a) shall be approved as continuing education credits as determined by: (1) The State Board of Medicine and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. https://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter1181/chap1181toc.html
PR	N/A
RI	3 hours or equivalent of Category 1 CME regarding medical marijuana every two (2) years as part of usual CME/CE requirement.

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	https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-20-10-3
SC	No CME requirement
SD	N/A
TN	No CME requirement
TX	No CME requirement
UT	No CME requirement
VT	No CME requirement
VA	No CME requirement
VI	N/A
WA	Professionals recommending marijuana must complete the “Washington State Healthcare Provider Education: Medical Use of Marijuana” online CME course for 4 AMA PRA Category 1 credits within one year of activation. https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Marijuana/MedicalMarijuana/HealthcarePractitioners/AuthorizationPracticeGuidelines
WV	Must complete a 4 hour course established by the Dept. of Health & Human Resources’ Bureau for Public Health. https://dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Documents/MedicalCannabis/Physician%20Info%2004202017%20-%20rev.pdf
WI	No CME requirement
WY	No CME requirement

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