

Application for Preapproval of Category II (Non-ACHE) Continuing Education Credit

1. Applicant Organization

Official Name of Organization

President/CEO

Address

Phone

Date Submitted

2. Individual Completing Application

Signature

Name

Title

Address

Phone

Fax

E-Mail

3. If the applicant for preapproval of continuing education credit is a department, division, or subsidiary of another organization, please describe the relationship.
- _____
- _____

4. Date of Last Preapproval Application:

_____/_____/_____
(Please disregard if first-time applicant).

5. Target Audience:

6. Please provide the requested numbers for the last fiscal year.

(Note: You must have at least a total of three different programs annually to be considered for pre-approval).

Programs	No. of Offerings	Total Direct Contact Continuing Education Hours	Number of Participants
Individually Sponsored			
Jointly Sponsored *			

*The sponsoring organization is responsible for developing the program content.

7. Mission

Please attach the mission of the organization and how it relates to the continuing education function.

8. Program Title

Please attach a list of the title of the programs for which you are seeking preapproval.

9. Program Listing

Please attach a listing of the programs to be considered for pre-approval, including dates, titles, estimated number of participants, names and biographies of faculty, contact hours of instruction, and agenda for each educational event.

10. Evaluation Methods

Please attach a description of the methods used to evaluate each program, sample participant evaluation form, and description of how the evaluation information is used.

11. Fee

Please include an application fee of \$600.00 (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express, or check payable to the American College of Healthcare Executives).

Credit Card #

Type

Signature

Exp. Date

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12. Webinar Materials

If you are also requesting webinar approval please submit slides of a minimum of three different real-time webinars.

- I. Please complete the application and staple or clip all pages together. Make an extra copy of materials for your personal file.
- II. If you require any other assistance or information, contact the Division of Membership at (312) 424-9400.

Statement of Integrity

I hereby acknowledge that all of the information given in this application is true.

Signature

Date

Please mail application, supporting materials, and fee to:

Assistant Director, Membership
American College of Healthcare Executives
Suite 1700, 1 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 60606-3491

(NOTE: Do not mail check under separate cover. This will only delay your application. Check must note that the fees are for Category II preapproval).

CHECKLIST :

(Indicate items included with this application)

- _____ Completed, signed application
- _____ Organization mission and related information
- _____ Program listing with supplemental information
- _____ Program evaluation information
- _____ \$600.00 application fee or appropriate credit card information
- _____ Webinar materials

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Organizations Only

The American College of Healthcare Executives offers a voluntary credentialing program that allows its members the opportunity to earn certification and recognition among peers as a healthcare executive. As part of this credentialing program, candidates are required to participate in a minimum number of continuing education hours each year.

A contact hour for face-to-face programs is defined as 60 minutes of instructional time, and excludes time allotted to meals, breaks, and other time not dedicated to instruction.

Category I programming is defined as any face-to-face continuing education programs, seminars, institutes, Congresses, or conferences conducted by ACHE as well as certain specifically designated self-directed educational programs offered by ACHE.

Category II programming is defined as all other face-to-face continuing education programs conducted or sponsored by any organization qualified to provide educational programming in management. Approval for these programs is based on appropriateness of program content, program provider, and program length in contact hours. Category II may also include real-time (synchronous) distance learning.

Recognition of high-quality educational programs sponsored by organizations other than the American College of Healthcare Executives coupled with the increased demand for pre-approval of these programs has prompted ACHE to establish the following standards for organizations requesting pre-approval of Category II credit.

- **Criteria**

1. **Continuing Education Organization.** The only groups that will be pre-approved for Category II programming are those that have developed specific continuing education functions or activities as part of their business functions at their corporate structure.
2. **Company-Sponsored Continuing Education.** Attendance at company-sponsored education programs does not fulfill the criteria for attendance at Category II education programs unless the program is presented by an external organization and meets the criteria relative to program content, program provider, and program length in contact hours for appropriateness.

3. **Minimum Number of Programs.** The organization must conduct at least three different educational programs annually. The same program presented three different times is not acceptable. Large programs with several different seminars, such as annual conferences are considered one seminar.
4. **Program Focus.** Each continuing healthcare management education program must:
 - address a topic directly related to the practice of healthcare management;
 - be conducted by qualified instructors with experience in management education who are able to determine educational needs, plan a program, select additional faculty, and implement and evaluate the program.
 - provide an appropriate number of hours of instruction to adequately address the topic in question, but no less than 60 minutes in duration.
5. **Program Evaluation.** The organization's continuing education programs must have a formal evaluation process. The organization must provide evidence of this evaluation process in the application, and be conducted by qualified professionals with experience in healthcare management education.
6. **Full-time Staffing.** Organizations must maintain full-time paid staff. This includes local chapters/subsidiaries of a national organization.
7. **Webinars.** Organizations requesting preapproval of webinars are required to present a minimum of three different real-time (synchronous) webinars annually. In addition, slides must be presented with the application. Online courses, and correspondence type courses are not eligible for preapproval.

- **Application Process**

To receive pre-approval of Category II credits for all programming, the following information must be submitted to the ACHE at least six weeks prior to the first scheduled program.

1. **Documentation.** A completed application including the mission of the organization and how it relates to continuing education, classification of the institution or organization applying for pre-approval, typical continuing education offerings, target audience, number of continuing education activities in the last year, and evidence of program evaluation including: information describing the methods used to evaluate programs, a sample of a participant evaluation form and a description of how the evaluation information is used. In addition, a copy of faculty biographies for all listed educational events must be included with the application.
2. **Program Listing.** A listing of the programs for the coming year that will receive pre-approval, including: dates, titles, estimated number of participants, names of the faculty, time duration of each educational event,

and the agenda for the educational event(s). For late additions to the schedule, the above stated information must be forwarded to the ACHE as soon as it is available.

3. **Sponsorship Organization.** The sponsoring organization must be responsible for developing the program content. In a jointly sponsored program, only the pre-approved organization may grant Category II credits. If the other organization wishes to offer Category II credit, they also need pre-approval.
4. **Application Fee.** An application fee of \$600 will be assessed each time an organization applies or reapplies for pre-approval of educational programming.

- **Duration**

Each organization will be required to reapply every three years for this pre-approval. In the interim, the organization will be required to send ACHE a yearly update of the programs that will be approved for the coming year. The pre-approval will be non-transferable to other organizations and will be granted for jointly-sponsored programs only if the approved organization is the primary sponsor of the program.

- **Marketing by Pre-approved Organizations**

Once an organization is authorized to grant Category II credits hours by the ACHE, the organization is encouraged to use the following statements in promotional materials related to the educational event(s):

"(Organization name) is authorized to award (XX) hours of pre-approved Category II (non-ACHE) continuing education credit for this program toward advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Participants in this program wishing to have the continuing education hours applied toward Category II credit should indicate their attendance when submitting application to the American College of Healthcare Executives for advancement or recertification."