

Who Can Accept *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*?

CME Certificates

Only physicians may be issued a CME Certificate.

MDs & DOs

Physicians must earn 60 hours of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* or equivalent over the course of two years.

Certificates of Participation

The following professions recognize *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for continuing education purposes and should be issued a Certificate of Participation. This list may not be exhaustive.

Nurse Practitioners and Registered Nurses

For the purpose of recertification, the American Nurses Credentialing Center accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* issued by organizations accredited by the ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) or a Recognized Accreditor (Maine Medical Association).

Physician Assistants

The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) states that *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* are acceptable for continuing medical education requirements for recertification.

Certified Nurse Midwives

The American College of Nurse Midwives has granted reciprocity status for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* issued by providers accredited by the ACCME or a Recognized Accreditor and relevant to midwifery.

Licensed Social Workers

To satisfy the continuing education requirements for social workers, the subject matter of a program must relate directly to social work practice. Final determination of the acceptability of continuing education hours rests with the Maine Board of Social Work Licensure. Licensees are encouraged to not only save their certificates of completion but to also save descriptions and agendas of continuing education programs should it become necessary to substantiate the program's relevance to social work practice at audit.

Pharmacists

The Maine Board of Pharmacy recognizes Continuing Medical Education (CME) related to pharmacy topics and designated as *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* to be applicable toward pharmacist and technician Continuing Education (CE) credit requirements.

Many societies and credentialing bodies accept the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* as an equivalent as long as the topic is relevant to the applicant's field or discipline.