Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. Beginning on June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form, for new or renewing DEA licensees, affirming that they have completed the new training requirement.

The MATE Act training details can be found [here](#). The Legacy Health CME page will provide links under the Resources tab for some applicable, low or no cost MATE Act training, to help practitioners satisfy this requirement.

Cultural Competency

All active licensees are required to complete an average of at least one hour of Cultural Competency Continuing Education (CCCE) per year during an audit period. Many types of courses and experiences satisfy the requirement. Licensees can review the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) Cultural Competency website to see approved courses and may use OMB’s Recordkeeping Form to track and attest to educational hours. Audited licensees will be asked to also produce documentation of their cultural competency educational experiences.

*CCCE must be designated as AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for the CCCE to go towards the requirement for licensees to obtain 30 CMEs a year. For the first audit period during the Fall 2023 renewal cycle, licensees will be required to report two hours of CCCE.

Suicide: Risk Assessment, Treatment, and Management

Licensees are required to report any continuing education regarding suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management when renewing their state license to practice. The OMB encourages licensees’ participation in continuing education on this important public health issue. Continuing education on this topic is considered relevant to the practice of all licensees, regardless of specialty.

Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care

Continuing education in Alzheimer's disease is considered relevant for all physician and physician assistant licensees, regardless of specialty. While continuing education in Alzheimer's disease is not required, the OMB strongly encourages those who practice in primary care or geriatrics to obtain continuing medical education related to Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

Pain Management

All active licensees are required to complete the Oregon Pain Management Commission’s (OPMC) free, online continuing education course “Changing the Conversation about Pain,” at initial licensure and every two years.
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If you prescribe opioids in Washington, you must complete a one-time continuing medical education course that is at least one-hour in length. Any training that offers CME, is at least one-hour in length, and is about opioid prescribing best practices will fulfill the requirement.

Suicide Assessment, Treatment, and Management Training
Licensees are required to complete a one-time, six-hour suicide assessment, treatment, and management training. Licensees must select a course from the Model List. There is no requirement to send proof of completion of the training to the Commission although the Commission may request proof of completion during a complaint investigation.