

## Explanation of Categories

1. Category I CE's are those topics that pertain directly to anesthesia technology. This category is designed to validate the technologists or technicians continued education in anesthesia technology through participation in a learning process that enhances and augments the individual's current knowledge in the field of anesthesia technology.

Topics that fall under this category are:

- a. Anesthesia gas delivery systems
- b. Types of anesthesia
- c. Airway management
- d. Pharmacology
- e. IV Therapy
- f. Infection control techniques
- g. Sterilization techniques
- h. Monitors and ancillary equipment
- i. BCLS training
- j. Operating room tasks
  - i. Fire safety
  - ii. Latex Allergy

\*Note: In-service education for activities that fulfill assigned general responsibilities specific to the employer's expectations or job requirements are not approved for ASATT continuing education credits.

2. Category II CE's are those topics that are classified as "professional development". These topics include:

- a. Materials Management
- b. Computer programs
- c. Financial training
- d. Quality Assurance training
- e. QC management
- f. Leadership skills
- g. Skill set related directly to the profession of anesthesia technology
- h. Marketing
- i. Stress Management
- j. Research Training

\*Note: only 5 CE's will be accepted from this category

3. Category III topics are those topics that pertain to the individual actively providing continued education to their peers. This can be accomplished by preparing a lecture, presenting a lecture or preparing **and** presenting a lecture. Articles that are published for the Science and Technology section of the Sensor or submit poster presentations at the ASATT Annual Meeting also fall under this category. This category also recognizes those individuals that volunteer their time to the National Society.

\*Note: there is a maximum limit of 3 CE's per year for time served as an official member of the ASATT Board of Directors and/or participation on an official ASATT committee.

\*\*Note: No CE's are awarded for participation on employer/hospital based committees nor are there any CE's awarded for community based service.

\*\*\*Note: Precepting or participating in internship programs are not approved for CE's.

\*\*\*\*Note: Program directors' teaching classes in anesthesia technology may claim CE's for presenting lectures but must show proof that they lectured. Program directors may also claim CE's for preparing a lecture, but they must also submit a copy of their material. A total of 5 CE's may be claimed from this category, the remaining 15 or 25 CE's must be earned from Category I. Rationale: Instructors must show that they are also continuing their education in the field of anesthesia technology as well as staying abreast of current practices.

## Credentialing

The ASATT highly encourages review of third party programs offering medical CE's or CEU's. Many professional medical organizations have specific requirements that must be met in order for programs to be accepted towards continued medical education training. These requirements vary by profession and therefore are not computed in the same manner. Different professions also use different terminology: CE's, CH's or CUE's. The ASATT is no exception and will grant 1 continuing education credit for each 50 to 60 minutes of learning and are documented as whole units.

While it is true that the ASATT recertification guidelines (page 4 of the recertification application) state that: "In general, programs that are approved by the following societies' educational guidelines will be accepted: ASA, AANA, AORN, American Red Cross, AAMI, EMT and other similar societies". It also states: "Other programs offering certificates of attendance will be reviewed for relevancy to the Anesthesia Content Outline and that Prior approval of acceptance is recommended". Topics accepted for recertification must be relevant to anesthesia technology **and** they must meet our guidelines. Examples:

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons award 3 CE's for every 1 hour of continuing education credit-that contradicts the ASATT recertification guidelines of awarding 1 CE for every 50-60 minutes of lecture. CE's obtained from this website are not accepted. Individuals holding a licensure and or dual certifications - organizations differ in the type of CE's they will accept. Example:

Nursing organizations may accept ASATT CE's towards renewing licensures. However, ASATT will not accept many of the CE's nurses' use towards renewing their licensure. Examples:

- Teaching tomorrow's nurses; what's happening in the classroom.
- RN's have what it takes to be effective leaders

- Update on Ohio state nursing licensure
- Breasts: advanced physical assessment
- Correct placement of a foley catheter.

\*Note: These topics are geared towards a specific profession. **ASATT does not credential other allied health professions; they only credential anesthesia technicians.**

\*Note: There is a difference between CE's, CH's and CEU's. Industry standards accept the CEU to be equivalent to ten contact hours and are documented in tenths of a CEU. If you attend a conference that is 12 hours in length, then those 12 hours would appear on your certificate as 1.2 CEU's.