

CME Requirements & Course Resources

Each two-year licensing renewal cycle, physicians licensed by the Board of Medical Practice must certify that they have completed **30 hours** of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™, including **1-hour** addressing palliative care, hospice care **OR** pain management **AND 2 hours** addressing prescribing controlled substances for physicians with DEA registrations. As of June 27, 2023, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new one-time, **8-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. Read more [here](#). These two subject-specific activities count toward the **30-hour requirement**. Links to the **Board's CME Rules** can be found [here](#).

Please contact VMS or the Vermont Board of Medical Practice if you have questions about the renewal process or CME requirements.

Opportunities to Meet CME Requirements

Prescribing Controlled Substance Offerings - Online - Free

- *2 CME credits per training.* Boston University School of Medicine. [S.C.O.P.E of Pain Trainings](#).
- *Up to 10 CME credits.* [NEJM Knowledge+ Pain Management and Opioids Course](#).
- *Some topics meet prescribing controlled substances requirements.* The University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine. [Vermont Academic Detailing Program](#).
- *A range of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.* Providers Clinical Support System. [Substance use, pain management, medication adherence etc.](#)
- *A number of free courses linked:* AMA Education Hub, [Substance Use Disorders and Addiction Education to Meet New DEA Requirements](#)

Palliative Care Offerings Online - Free or Low Cost

- *Range of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.* Massachusetts Medical Society. [Palliative care, pain management, and communication with patients.](#)
- Ariadne Labs materials. [Communication in Serious Illness.](#)

General CME Offerings - Online - Free

- *Account required.* For [more info on claiming CME](#). Medscape Education. [Multi-Specialty Courses](#).
- *Membership required.* American Medical Association Ed Hub. Comprehensive portfolio of more than [2,000 online CME activities](#), including free CME for [AMA STEPS Forward™](#).

Vermont Physician Executive Leadership Institute:

- With the generous support of the Physicians Foundation, the VMS Education & Research Foundation is able to offer a leadership curriculum to Vermont physicians interested in affecting the future of the region's health care delivery system.

Massachusetts Medical Society Partnership- Online - Special Member Discount

The Vermont Medical Society has formed a partnership with the Massachusetts Medical Society which provides VMS Members a 25% discount on all of MMS' online CME courses. To take advantage of this opportunity, please view [this tutorial](#). It covers topics, such as searching course offerings, using the discount code, creating a user account, and course payment.

Use code **VMSCME20**

To view MMS' course offerings, click [here](#). If you have any questions about the registration or login process, please contact the MMS Continuing Education Department at (800) 322-2303, ext #7306, or via email at jvautour@mms.org.

Medical School and State CME Programs:

- [University of Vermont College of Medicine CMIE](#)
- [Dartmouth-Hitchcock CME](#)
- [Vermont Department of Health CME Opportunities](#)

HIPAA Compliance - Online - Free Medscape Account + [\(phone app info\)](#)

To view current CME courses and details, you must create an account first.

- Patient Privacy: A Guide for Providers (0.5 Category 1 CME Credit)
- HIPAA and You: Building a Culture of Compliance (0.5 Category 1 CME Credit)
- Examining Compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule (0.5 Category 1 CME Credit)

