

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Advisory Committee for  
Acupuncture  
Continuing Education Policy Statement**

A practitioner licensed in Tennessee is required to complete thirty (30) hours of continuing Professional Development Activity (PDA) points for the two (2) years (January 1 – December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year. (See Tennessee Rules and Regulations 0880-12-.12 regarding continuing education requirements)

**Should the practitioner fail to obtain the continuing education hours, the following shall occur:**

- 1. The practitioner must pay a Type C civil penalty in the amounts as follows:**
  - a) If five (5) or fewer PDA points are missed, a practitioner shall have thirty (30) days to cure the deficiency without penalty;**
  - b) If six (6) or more but less than ten (10) PDA points are missed, a practitioner shall pay a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50);**
  - c) If eleven (11) or more but less than fifteen (15) PDA points are missed, a practitioner shall pay a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100);**
  - d) If sixteen (16) or more but less than twenty (20) PDA points are missed, a practitioner shall pay a penalty of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150);**
  - e) If twenty-one (21) or more but less than twenty-five (25) PDA points are missed, a practitioner shall pay a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200); and**
  - f) If twenty-six (26) or more but less than thirty (30) PDA points are missed, a practitioner shall pay a penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).**
- 2. Payment must be rendered within sixty days of notification from the Board that the practitioner has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.**
- 3. The practitioner must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Committee upon completion.**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Committee's request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Committee may also result in disciplinary action.

**ADOPTED BY THE TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACUPUNCTURE ON  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.**

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