

STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF SPECIAL, OR “IN HOUSE,” PROGRAMS

Current Rule		New Rule	
<i>Definition of Special Program</i>			
A CLE activity sponsored by a law firm, corporation, governmental agency, or similar entity primarily for the education of its employees, members, associates, or clients.	CCLE Reg. 100(V)	A CLE activity sponsored by a law firm; a corporation including a corporate legal department; a governmental agency; a group of attorneys in public service, for example the Ohio Attorney General’s office, a county prosecuting attorney’s office, a U.S. Attorney’s office, a Public Defender’s office, a legal department of a state or federal agency, a legal services program, or a law department of a municipal corporation; or a similar entity primarily for the education of its employees, members, associates, or clients.	CCLE Reg. 100(X)
<i>Definition of Skills-Based Program</i>			
Not Applicable.		Educational training by doing or performing. In contrast to education based on mastery of written materials, such as statutes and case law, it is education on how to act or perform. The training teaches attorneys effective and appropriate behaviors and methods for handling particular problems or situations.	CCLE Reg. 100(W)
<i>Eligibility for Special Program Accreditation</i>			
A law firm, corporate legal department, or a group of attorneys in public service (such as the Ohio Attorney General’s office, a county prosecuting attorney office, a U.S. Attorney office, a public defender’s office, a legal department of a state or federal agency, a legal services program, a municipal corporation) may apply for accreditation of a special program. The application should be submitted at least sixty days prior to the	CCLE Reg. 407.1(A)	A law firm; a corporation, including a corporate legal department; a governmental agency; or a group of attorneys in public service, for example, the Ohio Attorney General’s office, a county prosecuting attorney office, a U.S. Attorney office, a public defender office, a legal department of a state or federal agency, a legal services program, or a law department of a municipal corporation, may apply for accreditation of a special program. The	CCLE Reg. 407.1(A)

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<i>Accreditation Requirements</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet standards of CCLE Reg. 406; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet standards of CCLE Reg. 406; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(B)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more of the speakers shall not be a member, partner, associate, or employee of the sponsoring organization; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(B)(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more speakers shall not be a member, partner, associate, client, or employee of the sponsoring organization; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(C)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program shall be open to attorneys and judges not associated with the sponsor, who shall assure that at least one-quarter of the available seating at the program be made available to attendees not associated with the sponsor; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(B)(6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program shall be open to attorneys and judges not associated with the sponsor, who shall assure that a minimum of one-quarter of the available seating is made available to attendees not associated with the sponsor. Skills-Based Activities are exempt from this requirement; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(D)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An attendance fee must be reasonably related to the total cost of the program; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(B)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An attendance fee must be reasonably related to the total cost of the program; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(E)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program is not eligible for accreditation if confidential information is discussed; 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(B)(8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program is not eligible for accreditation if confidential information is discussed 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(F)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program should be scheduled under circumstances so as to be reasonably free of interruption by unrelated matters. 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program should be scheduled under circumstances so as to be reasonably free of interruption by unrelated matters. 	CCLE Reg. 407.1(J)
<i>Limitation on Number of Hours Earned by an Attorney Attending Special Programs</i>			
Not more than twelve hours of CLE credit during a biennial reporting period may be earned by an attorney or judge for attendance at special programs	CCLE Reg. 407.2	Not more than twelve hours of CLE credit during a biennial period may be earned by an attorney or judge for attendance at special programs sponsored	CCLE Reg. 407.2(A)

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sponsored by an entity with which the attorney or judge is associated.		by an entity with which the attorney or judge is associated.	
<i>Attorneys in Public Service</i>			
Not Applicable.		Attorneys in public service, for example the Ohio Attorney’s General office, a county prosecuting attorney office, a U.S. Attorney office, a public defender’s office, a legal department of a state or federal agency, a legal services program, or a law department of a municipal corporation, may obtain up to twenty-four hours of CLE credit for Skills-Based Activities for any biennial compliance period.	CCLE Reg. 407.2(B)
<i>Programs Sponsored by the Department of Justice Office of Legal Education and the Federal Public Defender</i>			
Not Applicable.		Special programs sponsored by the Department of Justice Office of Legal Education and the Federal Public Defender must meet the requirements of CCLE Reg. 407, except that confidential information may be discussed and the program need not be open to outside attendees and need not have at least one outside speaker.	CCLE Reg. 407.3
<i>Attorneys Attending Programs Sponsored by the Department of Justice Office of Legal Education and the Federal Public Defender</i>			
Not Applicable.		Attorneys attending programs sponsored by the Department of Justice Office of Legal Education and the Federal Public Defender may obtain up to twenty-four hours of CLE credit for any biennial compliance period for attendance at such programs.	CCLE Reg. 407.3