

IMPORTANT CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING INFORMATION

As of late, there has been some confusion on how CE hours are calculated and or earned.

First and foremost the CE training course curriculum **MUST BE APPROVED** by DSHS and taught by a DSHS approved Instructor, for that course. (Make sure)

TAACO only offers DSHS approved courses since 2005. All of our instructors are also DSHS approved.

An ACO may not earn any CE hours prior to completing the DSHS BASIC ACO TRAINING and successfully passing the BASIC EXAM.

(This is the date everything works off of)

As an example; if an ACO takes and passes the Basic exam on 01 June 2009, he/she must take/complete THIRTY (30) HOURS of approved CE training (before three years expires) by 01 June 2012. In the event, this is not accomplished, the ACO loses his/her Basic "Certification" or status, and is required to **RETAKE the DSHS BASIC ACO COURSE and RE-TEST**. If the 30 hours are completed in that 3 year period all is well.

From that point on, on the 3 year anniversary of the ACO achieving his/her Basic Certificate, the 30 CE hour requirements starts all over. So, in this example, from 01 June 2012 – 01 June 2015, that ACO would be required to take an additional 30 CE hours, and so on. (So every three years the ACO's CE hours are wiped clean.)

Also, DSHS does not allow anyone to re-take the Basic ACO course, to earn CE credit. However, the CET Recert (8 Hrs – required every three years) does earn CE credit.

TAACO now offers 15 different CE courses either at the Academy or remotely upon request by an agency/department desiring to host a class. We offer a minimum of 5 courses at the Academy each month. The ACO Level 1-3 (DSHS BASIC & CET COMBO) is offered (usually the third TUE-FRI) every month and remotely upon request.

<http://www.txacademyaco.com/courses.html>

If for whatever reason a TAACO student has lost his/her certificate for a class attended, we can provide a duplicate certificate for a fee of \$15.00 each. We will need the ACOs full name, Last 4 SS#, date of class, course title, locations of class. (email request) At this time, if the course was offered through a TACA conference, but taught by us, TACA may be responsible for issuing the certificate.