

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT CHANGE

As a member of the College, you are required to obtain a minimum of 50 credit hours over a two-year period. The 2020-2021 cycle concluded on December 31, 2021 and a member Continuing Education Audit is currently underway for this cycle. The current cycle, 2022-2023, commenced on January 1, 2022. Please ensure you are meeting your continuing education obligations which consists of a minimum of 20 credits hours of Category A education and a maximum of 30 credit hours in Category B.

Category A credit hours are lecture style programs provided by a recognized institution, other regulated health professional groups or associations. Category A credit hours have an evaluative component and satisfactory evidence of completion of the program.

During the pandemic, the College removed the 5-credit hour limit that could be obtained through online programs such as webinars. The removal of this credit limit for online programs is continuing under further notice. Therefore, members can obtain all 20 credit hours under Category A by attending online programs if the program meets the other Category A criteria.

Category B credit hours include such things as lectures, workshops, supplier programs, self-directed independent learning activities, online courses that do not meet Category A criteria and professional readings.

The Continuing Education credit requirements will be changing after the current cycle (as of January 1, 2024). Further information regarding these changes will be provided well in advance of that date.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your continuing education obligations, please contact Christine Hickey at <a href="mailto:chickey@coccoo.on.ca">chickey@coccoo.on.ca</a>.