

FAQs – Accrediting a Novant Health Activity for CME Credit

Is Novant Health an accredited provider of continuing medical education (CME) credit?

Yes! Novant Health is accredited by the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS), in compliance with ACCME rules, to accredit CME activities and issue *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] (American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award credit system). Novant Health was re-accredited in 2017 (4 year certification).

Who can use AMA PRA Category 1 Credits?

While *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™] is specifically issued to physicians, the following specialists can submit the certificate to their board for comparable credit: physician assistants, nurse practitioners, North Carolina nurses and Virginia nurses.

What defines educational content of certified CME?

Certified CME is defined as a non-promotional learning activity certified for credit PRIOR to the activity. The activity addresses an educational need (knowledge, competence, performance) that has been identified by the learners as a practice gap. Novant Health may certify nonclinical subjects as long as these are appropriate to a physician audience and benefit the profession, patient care or public health.

What types of activities does Novant Health accredit?

Regularly Scheduled Series (live activities: Grand Rounds, Tumor Boards, M&Ms, Peer Reviews, Special Didactic Lectures)
Conferences/Symposia (live activities)
Enduring Material (computer based courses, recorded webinars/webcasts, DVDs, CDs)
Performance Improvement Projects (3-stage, long-term improvement process)
Other (Simulation labs, blended learning formats, new instructional practices)

What types of activities will NOT be accredited by Novant Health?

Pharmaceutical/medical device company promotional activities; serving on a committee, task force, board or workgroup; clinical experience; mentoring or surveying; activities planned by non-Novant Health organizations except through a joint providership agreement (contact CME Program Manager for more information about joint providership agreements).

How is credit issued?

Credit for participation is issued by Novant Health through the Electronic Education Documentation System ("eeds") by mobile app or manual sign-in to activities and completion of an evaluation or test. Activity and credit records are maintained for six years.

How can I get my activity approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit[™] and what is the timeline?

For all activity types except one-time special didactic lectures, submit an Application for CME Credit at least two months prior to the start of the activity:

1. Contact the CME Program Manager to request an Application for CME Credit (or go online at www.novanthealth.org/cme)
2. The CME Program Manager will assist in application completion, if requested, and should be included in planning committee meetings.
3. The CME Manager and/or CME Committee Chair will review the application for credit approval. The requester will be contacted with the decision within 2-3 weeks after receipt of application.

For one-time special didactic lectures, contact the CME Program Manager at least three (3) weeks prior to the activity for expedited review and approval.

Who is the CME Program Manager and where can I get Novant Health CME activity information?

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