

## **Know Your Rules Regarding Continuing Education**

### **Part I - ACLS, PALS, and NRP**

It is important that licensees are familiar with the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Continuing Education. These Rules are available at [http://www.asbrt.alabama.gov/pdfs/2019/RR\\_Eff12.4.18.pdf](http://www.asbrt.alabama.gov/pdfs/2019/RR_Eff12.4.18.pdf) and licensees are strongly encouraged to read them and become familiar with them as a respiratory therapy professional. To assist in this process, a new series addressing common CE questions will now be launched through the broadcast e-mail service (and posted under the News tab at [www.asbrt.alabama.gov](http://www.asbrt.alabama.gov)) to address common CE questions one topic at a time in preparation for the 2019 license renewal season.

To briefly answer the most common CE question for today, please see the below Rule that specifically refers to ACLS, PALS, and NRP.

#### **798-X-8-.02 Standards for Continuing Education**

(4) The following additional methods may be utilized for obtaining continuing education hours:

(b) By taking and passing training courses (either initial, renewal, or instructor courses) on advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), pediatric advanced life support (PALS), or neonatal resuscitation programs (NRP). No more than 4 contact hours of continuing education units of advanced life support training may be applied for renewal of license.

To be clear, the above rule specifically limits ACLS, PALS, and NRP to a total of four hours per renewal season. It should not be interpreted to mean that four hours are allowed for each of these topics. ACLS, PALS, and NRP together are limited to a total of four hours per renewal (or every two years).