Required Continuing Education Credits for Cytotechnologists

CT(ASCP) Certification:
Participation in the ASCP Certification Maintenance Program is required for individuals who were certified as cytotechnologists on or after **January 1, 2004**. The ASCP Certification Maintenance Program requires a total of **36 points** documenting continuing education or continuing competence activities over a three-year period following certification. One (1) point must be in the category of safety, two (2) points must be related to the specialty of cytotechnology and the remaining points (33) can be in the area of cytotechnology, management, education or other related laboratory area of interest.

SCT(ASCP) Certification:
Participation in the ASCP Certification Maintenance Program is required for individuals who were certified as specialists in cytotechnology on or after **January 1, 2006.** The ASCP Certification Maintenance Program requires a total of **36 points** documenting continuing education or continuing competence activities over a three-year period following certification. One (1) point must be in the category of safety, ten (10) points must be related to the specialty of cytotechnology and the remaining points (25) can be in the area of cytotechnology, management, education or other related laboratory area of interest.

> **Note: ASCP certification expires after a three-year-period for individuals in the above categories who do not complete the required certification maintenance program.** See the ASCP website (www.ascp.org) for more details about the Certification Maintenance Program and the **voluntary** program for individuals certified prior to the above dates.

CT(IAC) Certification:
Maintenance of IAC certification requires 180 continuing education credits for each 4-year period following date of initial examination.

STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:
The following states require licensure for cytotechnologists and require continuing education (CE) as part of the requirements to maintain a license to practice in that state:
For more details on the individual state requirements, see the webpage for the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulations which links to the directory of Board & Colleges for the various states: www.clearhq.org/boards.htm.

California: 12 hours of CE every year
Florida: 24 hours of CE every 2 years
Hawaii: no continuing education requirement
Louisiana: 12 hours of CE every year
Montana: 14 hours of CE every year
New York: no continuing education requirement
Rhode Island: 36 hours of continuing education required every 2 years
Tennessee: 24 hours of continuing education required every 2 years
West Virginia: 10 hours of CE every year