



Continuing Education Units

Engineers are responsible for enhancing their professional competence throughout their careers. Licensed, chartered, and/or certified engineers are sometimes required by government entities to provide proof of continued professional development and training. Training credits are sometimes defined as Continuing Education Units (CEU) or Professional Development Hours (PDH).

10 hours of continuing education = 1 CEU

1 hour spent in professional-development activities = 1 PDH

SPE awards CEUs for attendance at SPE short courses and Applied Technology Workshops and for SPE online training courses.

CEU and PDH credits may be earned in a variety of activities that include:

- Completion of college credit courses
- Completion of continuing education courses offered by professional associations
- Completion of correspondence, on-line, televised, videotaped, and other short course tutorials
- Presenting or attending seminars, in-house courses, workshops, or professional technical presentations
- Teaching or instructing courses
- Publishing papers, articles or books
- Active participation in professional or technical societies

SPE does not have information about number of credit hours that can be earned in these activities. Individuals should contact their licensing, chartering, or certifying entity for specific details.

Licensing authorities normally require the engineer to keep a diary of PDHs. If audited, the licensed engineer can use conference registrations receipts to document attendance. SPE can also provide written confirmation in participation in the Society related to serving as an officer, as a committee member, or in other volunteer capacities.

For an example of one licensing authority's continuing education program, visit the Texas Board of Professional Engineers at <http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/>.