

**Excerpt from Rules of the Guardian ad Litem Board:**  
**Gal 403.02 – Nature of Continuing Education; Gal 403.03 - Specific Activities**  
**Qualifying for Continuing Education Credit**  
(effective September 15, 2007)

*This material is provided solely for use in considering the types of activities that may qualify for Continuing Education Credit. This is not a full recitation of all rules of the Board relating to continuing education. The official version of the rules of the Board should be consulted for full requirements. Other rules may have a bearing on continuing education issues, including but not limited to those rules requiring GALs to retain records of continuing education credits for four (4) years (Gal 505.01 (e) and Gal 403.09); Board approval of “unlisted” continuing education activities (Gal 403.05 and Gal 403.06); training sessions approved by the Board for continuing education credit (Gal 403.04); content of review courses (Gal 403.07); verification of compliance with continuing education requirements (403.08) and continuing education requirements generally (Gal 403.01).*

. . . Gal 403.02 Nature of Continuing Education. Continuing education claimed for credit shall:

- (a) Relate to activities that are undertaken by guardians ad litem in the state of New Hampshire;
- (b) Except as may be allowed pursuant to Gal 403.03 (f) or (g) below, not simply involve independent reading or study by the person claiming the credit;
- (c) Not merely introduce members of the general public to the activities of guardians ad litem;
- (d) Not simply involve the experience of actual service as a guardian ad litem; and
- (e) Accomplish one or more of the following objectives:
  - (1) Update or enhance the professional knowledge, skill or competence of the guardian ad litem; or
  - (2) Provide the guardian ad litem with opportunities for professional growth and development specifically related to guardian ad litem practice.

Gal 403.03 Specific Activities Qualifying for Continuing Education Credits. The board shall accept the following activities in fulfillment of the continuing education requirement of these rules:

- (a) Attending a training session described in Gal 303.02 (b) (1) or (c), in addition to the training sessions taken in fulfillment of the requirements for initial certification, which shall qualify for a number of credits equivalent to the actual number of hours, or portion of an hour, of attendance;
- (b) Attending a review course on general or area specific guardian ad litem activity as specified in Gal 403.07, which shall qualify for a number of credits equivalent to the number of hours, or portion of an hour, of actual attendance;

(c) Attending a training session which has been approved by the board for continuing education credits under Gal 403.04, which shall qualify for a number of credits equivalent to the number of hours, or portion of an hour, of actual attendance;

(d) Serving as an instructor in one or more of the following classes, which shall qualify for a number of credits that is equivalent to 2 times the number of hours, or portion of an hour, spent in actual classroom instruction:

- (1) A training class described in Gal 303.02 (b) (1) or (c);
- (2) A review class described in Gal 403.07; or
- (3) A training session approved by the board under Gal 403.04;

(e) Serving as an instructor or mentor in supplemental training, supervised training or supplemental education described in Gal 402.01, which shall qualify for a number of credits that is equivalent to 2 times the number of hours, or portion of an hour, spent in actual instruction or mentoring activity;

(f) Attending a class or course of instruction, or engaging in an activity, approved for continuing legal education credit under New Hampshire supreme court rule 53 that the board concludes meets the requirements of Gal 403.02 (a), (c), (d) and (e), which shall qualify for a number of credits equivalent to the number of credit hours that would be allowed if submitted by an attorney for the purposes of continuing legal education;

(g) Serving as an instructor in a class or course of instruction approved for continuing legal education credit under New Hampshire supreme court rule 53 that the board concludes meets the requirements of Gal 403.02 (a), (c), (d) and (e), which shall qualify for a number of credits equivalent to the number of credit hours that would be allowed if submitted by an attorney for the purposes of continuing legal education;

(h) Completing, with a grade of B or better, a college or university class, or college or university course, that the board concludes meets the requirements of Gal 403.02 (a) through (e), which shall qualify for a number of credits equivalent to the number of hours, or portion of an hour, of actual attendance in the class or course;

(i) Serving as an instructor in a college or university class, or college or university course, that the board concludes meets the requirements of Gal 403.02 (a) through (e), which shall qualify for a number of credits that is equivalent to 2 times the number of hours, or portion of an hour, spent in actual classroom instruction;

(j) Serving as a presiding officer or investigator in matters before the board, which shall qualify for 10 continuing education credits for each matter assigned.