

Continuing Education Committee (CEC) 2025 Annual Report

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CEC Responsibilities

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is responsible for developing policy and program recommendations for the association's continuing professional education program, and for working collaboratively with the APA Office of Continuing Education Sponsor Approval (CESA) and the Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP), to implement policy and program recommendations.

The application review process serves an important function in relation to the advancement of APA's strategic priorities, primarily in relation to the higher-level goal of strengthening APA's role as a leading voice for psychology. In particular, the rigorous review process of the Committee is designed to establish, uphold, and embody the standards for the profession and discipline nationally and, equally, the process serves as a leading resource for standards and evidence-based guidelines for the field. Additionally, the review function reflects an important regulatory purpose that contributes to elevating the public's understanding, appreciation, and utilization of psychology.

Approved Sponsor Applications

The Committee reviewed a total of 531 applications across 371 organizations for approval as APA CE sponsors. There are currently 931 APA-approved sponsors of continuing education who collectively provide several thousands of CE programs each year.

Policy Recommendations

The Committee and its Advisory Council, with support from the Office of CE Sponsor Approval, have been committed to ongoing efforts related to proposed revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual. In 2025, proposed revisions were reviewed by APA General Counsel, the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA), and the APA Board of Directors, who recommended the item be reviewed by the APA Council of Representatives in 2026.

CEC Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Studies

The Continuing Education Committee's Research Subcommittee submitted a paper to *Practice Innovations* as the culmination of several years of research regarding how diversity is integrated in continuing education. The paper was accepted for publication in August 2025 and will be published in an upcoming issue of the journal.

Generative AI

With the rise of AI usage in educational contexts, the Committee worked with the CESA Office and other offices across APA to determine best practices for the responsible use of AI in sponsor-led CE programs and submission of applications to the CEC. For example, an interim AI [“Code of Conduct”](#) was disseminated to sponsors and applicants in 2024, and was implemented in 2025.