



# Live Conferences and Asynchronous Sessions

As a result of the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, many continuing education providers contacted NBCC for help with developing ways to offer quality continuing education to counselors using online delivery methods. To address this clear need, we developed a provision that allowed ACEPs approved to only offer live programs to hold online synchronous multi-session conferences that also included asynchronous sessions. This Live Conferences and Asynchronous Sessions accommodation was honored through Dec. 31, 2021.

In a continued effort to support the ability of ACEPs to provide quality continuing education to counselors using online live (synchronous) and home study (asynchronous) delivery methods, we have developed a revised provision plan effective Jan. 1, 2022. Please review the details below to learn more about the accommodation and who qualifies.

## Who Qualifies

ACEPs that are currently approved to offer **live delivery (synchronous) format AND home study delivery (asynchronous) format continuing education programs** qualify for this accommodation.

## What It Applies To

This accommodation applies to **multi-session conferences** that are only offered **once annually** and will be offered online because of social distancing restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## What the Accommodation Means

This opportunity is intended to serve as a provision for ACEPs approved to offer both live delivery (synchronous) format AND home study delivery (asynchronous) format continuing education programs.

These ACEPs are permitted to offer a primarily live online (synchronous) multi-session conferences that includes online asynchronous sessions. NBCC credit can be awarded for qualifying sessions offered through either delivery format.

Additionally, a program learning assessment will not be a required component of the asynchronous conference sessions.

ACEPs **must not** offer the online asynchronous conference sessions **beyond the dates of the advertised live online (synchronous) conference.** These sessions cannot be offered for NBCC credit after the conference concludes.

ACEPs will need to be prepared to submit documentation from these sessions at the time of their third-year audit, if requested.

## Who Does Not Qualify

ACEPs only approved for live program delivery format do not qualify for this accommodation.

ACEPs only approved to offer live delivery format programs and that would like to offer online asynchronous programs in a home study format must submit the [ACEP Additional Delivery Format Application](#) and the application must be approved prior to advertising the CE program for NBCC credit. Qualifying home study programs must meet all Policy requirements, including **fully functional**, containing an evaluation and a quiz, and issuing an automatic certificate of completion to participants.

If you have any questions about this plan or about how to implement this plan for your organization, please email [continuinged@nbcc.org](mailto:continuinged@nbcc.org).