

MCLE Credit Hour Requirements

CATEGORIES	NEW ADMITTEES Admitted 2 years or less	VETERAN ATTORNEYS Admitted more than 2 years
	<i>Credit Hour Requirements:</i> Total 32 credit hours for the first 2 year cycle ONLY.	<i>Credit Hour Requirements:</i> Total 24 credit hours per every 2-year cycle.
Ethics/Professionalism	6 credits (3 per year)	4 credits
Skills	12 credits (6 per year)	20 credits may be selected from the required areas of skills, practice management or areas of professional practice
Practice Management & areas of professional practice	14 credits (7 per year)	20 credits may be selected from the required areas of skills, practice management or areas of professional practice

MCLE Program Category Definitions

1. Ethics and Professionalism may include, among other things, the following:
The norms relating to lawyers' professional obligations to clients (including the obligation to provide legal assistance to those in need, confidentiality, competence, conflicts of interest, the allocation of decision-making, and zealous advocacy and its limits); the norms relating to lawyers' professional relations with prospective clients, courts and other legal institutions, and third parties (including the lawyers' fiduciary, accounting and record-keeping obligations when entrusted with law client and escrow monies, as well as the norms relating to civility); the sources of lawyers' professional obligations (including disciplinary rules, judicial decisions, and relevant constitutional and statutory provisions); recognition and resolution of ethical dilemmas; the mechanisms for enforcing professional norms; and professional values (including professional development, improving the profession and the promotion of fairness, justice and morality).
2. Skills must relate to the practice of law and may include, among other things, problem solving, legal analysis and reasoning, legal research and writing, drafting documents, factual investigation (as taught in courses on areas of professional practice), communication, counseling, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, organization and trial advocacy.
3. Law Practice Management must relate to the practice of law and may encompass, among other things, office management, applications of technology, state and federal courthouse procedure, stress management, management of legal work and avoiding malpractice and litigation.
4. Areas of Professional Practice may include, among other things, corporations, wills/trusts, elder law, estate planning/administration, real estate, commercial law, civil litigation, criminal litigation, family law, labor and employment law, administrative law, securities, tort/insurance practice, bankruptcy, taxation, compensation, municipal law, landlord/tenant, entertainment

law, environmental law, social security and other government benefits, and alternative dispute resolution procedures.