

## **Per the State chapter:**

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- State convention is hosted annually the last weekend of March
  - Information about state convention can be found on their website: [sdsma.us](http://sdsma.us) or facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SDSocietyofMedicalAssistants](https://www.facebook.com/SDSocietyofMedicalAssistants)
- If you are AAMA members, you should also get newsletters, which will have information about upcoming CEU opportunities.
- The last couple of winters, STI students have put on a small symposium on a Saturday morning for 4 or 5 CEU's for free also. Information will be posted on the above-mentioned sites.
- Medical Assistants can also visit the AAMA website and look through other state websites, <http://www.aama-ntl.org/continuing-education/state-chapter-programs>.
  - There is a chapter out of Florida that offers virtual CEU's almost monthly, usually free or at a low cost. It just takes a little leg work to go through the site to find what is available and then to go follow the pages online. The AAMA also has a facebook page where they post free CEUs sometimes. They also usually post free CEU's around Medical Assisting Week, which is the 3rd week in October.

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- 30 of the 60 required recertification points can come from non-AAMA approved sources
  - As long as a non-AAMA program meets the criteria listed, it would count for non-AAMA CEUs.
- Day-to-day work experience and teaching does not count for CEUs, but trainings and courses can count as long as they meet the below criteria:
  - Relevant to the medical assisting field
  - Earn formal credit (CEU, contact hour, college credit, etc...) (minimum 1 contact hour long)
  - Documentation of completion and a course description.
  - CPR is unique. While we no longer require it to recertify, we do grant 4 Clinical AAMA CEUs per 2 year card issued within your current recertification period.
- We also on occasion provide free ELC courses, a current 1 CEU free course is available now: [Research Ready \(aama-ntl.org\)](http://www.aama-ntl.org)
- Finally, below there is a link to state and chapter programs, eight free Smiles for Life courses, and a free CDC course which can be taken for CEUs (CPR, Smiles for Life, and the FASD CDC course certificate can be uploaded under "My Account" upon completion under "Web Uploads"): <http://www.aama-ntl.org/continuing-education/state-chapter-programs>

