



# DIVISION OF LICENSURE & ACCREDITATION

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Medical Cannabis

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## Continuing Education Overview

To support practitioners participating in the South Dakota Medical Cannabis Program, we have compiled recommended educational resources and guidance. While these courses are not mandatory, they are strongly encouraged to help ensure compliance with state requirements and enhance patient care.

### State Requirements

South Dakota law requires practitioners to maintain a bona fide patient relationship and comply with documentation and certification standards as outlined in SDCL § 34-20G-1(2).

### Continuing Education Recommendation

We recommend that South Dakota practitioners complete a minimum of 4 hours of cannabis-related education annually. Suggested topics include:

- Legal and Regulatory Compliance – 1 hour
- Clinical Applications and Contraindications – 1 hour
- Pharmacology of Cannabinoids – 1 hour
- Patient Counseling and Ethics – 1 hour

### Recommended Course

- **Association of Cannabinoid Specialists:** Introduction to Cannabinoid Medicine CME Course: <https://cannaspecialists.thinkific.com/courses/CME101>

### Recommended Articles

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP): <https://www.aafp.org/home.html>

- **Cannabis Essentials:** Tools for Clinical Practice
- **Medical Marijuana:** Informational Resources for Family Physicians

Access these resources on our website under the Practitioner tab:

<https://medcannabis.sd.gov/Patients/Resources.aspx>