

Category 2 CEU Applications – Who, When, How Much?

Who Applies?

Individual genetic counselors apply for Category 2 CEUs after they have attended an event. The event should meet the following criteria to be applicable for Category 2 CEUs:

- Not pre-approved by NSGC for Category 1 CEUs (ask the organizers or check the list here)
- **Pre-approved for continuing education by a reputable education body** (could be CME, ACCME, European CME, PACE, Nursing CE, an accredited university, etc)

There are no exceptions to the requirement of pre-approval by a reputable body – it is the DEFINITION of a Category 2 CEU per ABGC Standards.

ABGC Definition of Category 2 CEU: Category 2 CEUs can be granted for educational programs with content that is relevant to a genetic counselor’s continuing education despite not being primarily designed with the continuing education of a genetic counselor in mind. Category 2 CEUs are only available for educational programs that have been approved to offer continuing education credits or units by a reputable non-genetic counseling CEU provider.

You will need to use your NSGC account or [create an NSGC account](#) to submit an application via the CEU portal. Keep in mind, the portal will **ONLY** send communications to the email associated with the NSGC account used to submit the application, so make sure that your NSGC profile reflects your current email address.

When Do I Apply?

Within **90 days AFTER attending the event or activity. Or, on a quarterly basis** (i.e. every three months) for series-style activities. Activities submitted more than 90 days from the end date of the activity (as documented in your application materials) or quarter will be rejected. The system will automatically decline anything dated more than 90 days prior.

The application **review and approval process typically takes between 8 and 10 weeks** and will vary depending on how many other applications are in review at that time. Please consider this when preparing and submitting your application. Keep in mind that all CEU Reviewers are volunteers and as such, NSGC cannot guarantee any approval dates.

There is an annual cut-off date for Category 2 applications each year for those seeking CEUs by year end. If you need a CEU certificate for a Category 2 activity prior to December 31 of the current year for recertification or licensure, please ensure you submit your application by the cut-off date. The cut-off date for 2020 is November 16, 2020.

How Much Does It Cost?

Filing Fees are required for all applicants who wish to claim CEUs. The cost is \$25 per Category 2 activity application (activity is defined as one conference or event, one course, or one annual cycle of a series). You’ll have an option to select pay by credit or pay by check when you submit your application in the CEU portal.

For series-style activities, you are only required to pay the \$25 fee once per annual series cycle. For subsequent submissions in a series where you have already paid the fee, select the “pay by check” option in the portal then send an email to ceu@nsgc.org with your transaction id or paid invoice number and the name of the series for which you are submitting a subsequent quarterly application. We will then manually record your series payment for that application.