

2024-2025 GENERAL PROGRAM APPROVAL (GPA) SPONSORS

What is GPA?

GPA stands for “general program approval.” The Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) grants general program approval to organizations who typically provide a high volume of continuing legal education courses and who have consistently demonstrated compliance with the standards required of those courses.

Who receives GPA?

Organizations interested in receiving a GPA designation must apply for it through the BBE. A listing of current GPA providers is included below.

How do I know if I took a GPA course?

If you took a course that was sponsored by one of the organizations listed below, it is a “GPA course.” If you took the GPA course in Wisconsin, it will appear on the BBE CLE website with the number of credit hours designated. However, if you took a GPA course outside of Wisconsin, it may not appear on our website and you will need to calculate the number of credit hours the course is eligible to receive.

How do I calculate CLE credit hours?

To determine the number of credit hours, add the total number of minutes for the program. Then subtract any “nonacademic portions” (e.g., breaks, business meetings, or other similar activities) and divide by 50. Be sure to round down to the nearest whole or half hour.

Are GPA courses eligible for ethics and professional responsibility (EPR) credit?

Yes. GPA courses are eligible to receive EPR credit, provided they meet the relevant criteria, are submitted for EPR approval, and receive the approval.

Where do I report my GPA courses?

GPA courses are reported under the “GPA Course Hours” section. For more detailed information about how to report these courses please review Section C of the CLE Electronic Filing Instructions.

Current GPA Sponsors include the following:

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
American Conference Institute
American Immigration Lawyers Association
American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education

Chicago Bar Association
Clarion Legal Education
Continuing Legal Education for Wisconsin
(University of Wisconsin Law School)

District of Columbia Bar

Georgetown University Law Center

Judge Advocate General School/U.S. Air Force
Judge Advocate General School/U.S. Army

Lawline.com
Lexis Nexis
Lorman Business Center, LLC

Marquette University Law School
Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education
Minnesota Association for Justice
Minnesota Continuing Legal Education

National Association of Attorneys General
National Business Institute, Inc.
National Institute for Trial Advocacy
Northwestern Pritzker University School of Law

Practising Law Institute

State Bar of Wisconsin CLE Seminars/Pinnacle
Strafford Publications

U.S. Dept. of Justice – Office of Legal Education

West Legal EdCenter/CeriFi LegalEdge
Wisconsin, State of Department of Justice
Wisconsin, State of State Public Defender