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Ohio Accountancy Board Approves 10-Minute CPE Program

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OSCPA President & CEO Scott D. Wiley, CAE announced the change at OSCPAs Leadership Summit and Annual Meeting in Columbus.

“We are proud of the collaborative relationship we have with the Accountancy Board of Ohio, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the AICPA which helped to drive this change,” Wiley said. “Ohio is fortunate to have such strong regulators who are also innovative thinkers. We are excited to work with other state CPA societies to advance the future of learning.”

Pending approval by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, CPAs will be able to take self-study CPE in blocks as short as 10 minutes and accrue it toward the 120-hour CPE requirement. OSCPAs is already developing on-demand CPE in incremental blocks that CPAs can take when it is convenient to them. OSCPAs on demand library is available online and via all mobile devices, enhancing the convenience.

Wiley also announced that OSCPAs is the first state CPA society to participate in a national diversity and inclusion survey, with a goal of launching resources to help CPAs drive diversity and inclusion at their organizations.

“This exciting development is extending the trend toward more effective e-learning and our prior work with the State Board in 2009, when Maryland became the first state in the nation to recognize e-learning of all types as equal to in-person, instructor-led training,” said Tom Hood, Executive Director and CEO of the Maryland Society. “That means all 80 hours of required CPE (every two years) can be taken online and / or via self-study.”

“Here at the MACPA, we have already been working on the future of learning at our [Business Learning Institute](#), our center for innovation and learning,” Hood added. “We have been working on new ways to engage learners, new delivery techniques, and even new ways to manage learning. We have combined future skills and competencies research into [model curriculums \(the Bounce\)](#) that can be customized for firms and organizations.

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