



COPS Position Statement on Professional Development

It is the position of the Council of Professional Surveyors (COPS) that professional surveyors should actively participate in professional development and/or continuing education. Entry into the practice of land surveying requires licensure; this licensure determines competency upon entry to the profession. Continued education and professional development promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public by assuring licensees remain competent within their profession.

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) categorizes PDH activity under the following content areas:

- *Technical, Health, (STEM) & Safety*
- *Business Practices*
- *Ethics*
- *Jurisdiction-specific content*

as outlined within NCEES' Model Rules and Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines.

Ongoing professional development and/or continuing education expands and updates knowledge to meet ever-changing demands and expectations of the surveying profession. To find a current listing of educational opportunities provided by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), visit ACEC's [Business Resource Center](#).

Many professional surveyors find that their careers require them to be licensed in multiple jurisdictions with varying requirements. NCEES provides a state by state listing of contact information for [state licensing boards](#).