

Accreditation

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The CME credit system is an honor system. You should claim only the number of credits for the learning activities at the Annual Meeting in which you actively participated. For example, if you attend only on Wednesday and Thursday, the maximum amount you may claim is 20 credits. The grid below outlines the number of credit hours available per day.

Check In OR Register at the Meeting on:	Maximum Daily Credit	Maximum Meeting Credits
Tuesday, February 7	up to 8.5	38.5
Wednesday, February 8	up to 10	30
Thursday, February 9	up to 10	20
Friday, February 10	up to 10	10

The grid below outlines the types of activities that are available at the Annual Meeting and notes which qualify for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**.

Activity	Date	Time(s)	CME Credit available?
Instructional Courses	Tuesday, February 7 Wednesday – Friday, February 8-10	12:30 PM-6:00 PM 7:00 AM-12:30 PM 1:30 PM-6:00 PM	Yes
Symposia	Tuesday, February 7 Wednesday – Friday, February 8-10	1:30 -6:00 PM 8:00 AM-12:30 PM 1:30 PM-6:00 PM	Yes
Podium Presentations	Tuesday, February 7 Wednesday – Friday, February 8-10	1:30 -6:00 PM 8:00 AM-12:30 PM 1:30 PM-6:00 PM	Yes
Posters and Scientific Exhibits	Wednesday – Friday, February 8-10 (only when the presenter is required to be present)	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Yes
Multimedia Education Center (MEC)	Tuesday, February 7 Wednesday – Friday, February 8-10 Saturday, February 11	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Yes
Opening Ceremony Business Meeting Ceremonial Meeting	Wednesday, February 8 Thursday, February 9 Thursday, February 9	4:00 PM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	No
Electronic Skills Pavilion	Wednesday – Friday, February 8-10	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	No
Technical Exhibits	Wednesday – Friday, February 8-10	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	No
Specialty Day	Saturday, February 11	Varies by society	Yes

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