

Local Elected Officials Ethics Education

Instructions for Program Credit

The Ethics for Local Elected Officials training program offered by the UNC School of Government satisfies the ethics education required by state law for local elected officials.¹

Credit for Training – Elected Officials

To verify completion of the SOG ethics training program, participants will be given a verification form at the end of the 2-hour session. Participants should:

- ✓ Give the bottom portion of the form to their board clerk to keep on file
- ✓ Keep the top portion of the form for their personal records

Credit for Training – Attorneys

The SOG ethics training program has been approved by the North Carolina State Bar for 2 hours of *general* CLE credit (*not* professional responsibility credit). Participants who are attorneys will be given a CLE credit form at end of the 2-hour session. Participants who wish to receive CLE credit should:

- ✓ Complete the form
- ✓ Turn in the form at the registration desk **BEFORE** you leave the facility (forms not turned in at the facility will not be processed)

Credit for Training – Persons Covered under the State Government Ethics Act

For individuals who are covered under the State Government Ethics Act (SGEA, G.S. Chapter 138A), the SOG ethics training program does *NOT* satisfy the mandatory ethics training required under SGEA, and the SGEA ethics program does *NOT* satisfy the local elected official ethics training requirement. Consequently, local elected officials who are also covered by the SGEA must take *both* training programs. Covered persons needing to complete SGEA training should:

- ✓ Contact their ethics liaison for training, or
- ✓ Complete the online training available on State Ethic Commission website: (<http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/education/default.aspx>)

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¹ G.S. 160A-87, 153A-53