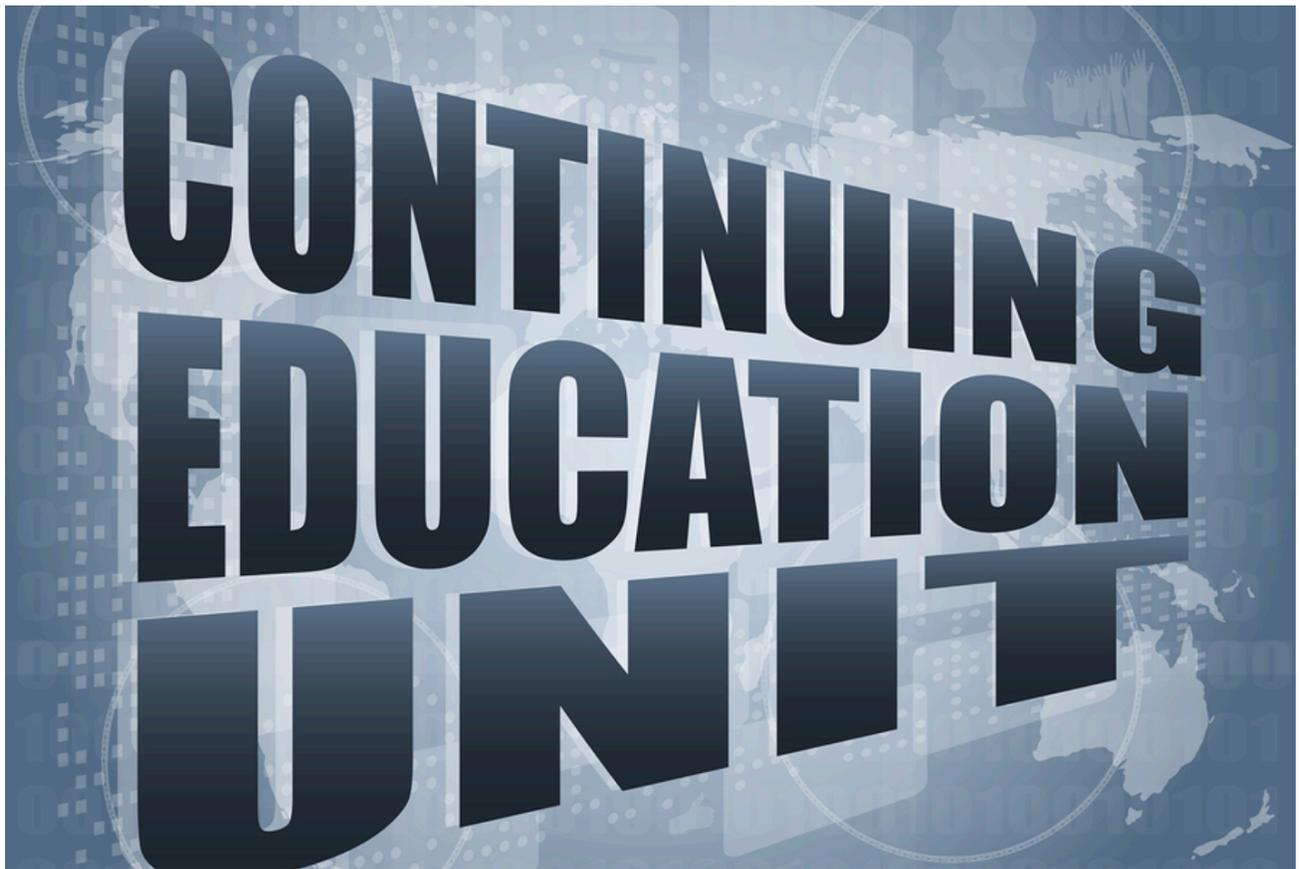






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THE CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT An Outdated Credentialing System?



Continuing education units (CEUs) have long been a requirement for many professionals, including engineers, nurses, and teachers. However, in today's fast-paced and ever-changing world, CEUs may no longer be the best way to ensure that professionals stay up-to-date and competent in their field.

One of the main criticisms of CEUs is that they are often seen as a "checkbox" requirement, rather than a meaningful way to improve one's skills and knowledge. Many professionals view CEUs as a chore to be completed, rather than an opportunity to learn and grow. This can lead to a lack of engagement and motivation, which can ultimately result in ineffective training.

Another issue with CEUs is that they tend to focus on specific topics or skills, rather than providing a more holistic approach to learning. For example, an engineer may be required to complete a certain number of CEUs in safety, but may not have the opportunity to learn about new technologies or developments in their field.

In addition, CEUs can be time-consuming and costly for professionals. Many CEU providers charge high fees for courses, and professionals must often take time off work or travel to attend classes or workshops. This can be a significant burden for many professionals, especially those who are already busy with work and family responsibilities.

The rise of technology and online learning has also made CEUs less relevant. Many professionals can now access high-quality training and education materials online, on their own schedule, and at their own pace. This allows them to learn in a way that is more tailored to their needs and preferences.

In conclusion, while CEUs may have been a useful way to ensure that professionals stay up-to-date and competent in their field in the past, they are now seen as outdated and inefficient.

Professionals, employers, and organizations should consider alternative ways to ensure that professionals continue to learn and grow, such as through online learning, mentoring, or on-the-job training.

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