3. Course work or training in pain management, palliative care and addiction. (a) Every person licensed under title eight of the education law to treat humans, registered under the federal controlled substances act and in possession of a registration number from the drug enforcement administration, United States Department of Justice or its successor agency, and every medical resident who is prescribing under a facility registration number from the drug enforcement administration, United States Department of Justice or its successor agency, shall, on or before July first, two thousand seventeen and once within each three year period thereafter, complete three hours of course work or training in pain management, palliative care, and addiction approved by the department.

(b) Every person licensed on or after July first, two thousand seventeen under title eight of the education law to treat humans, registered under the federal controlled substances act and in possession of a registration number from the drug enforcement administration, United States Department of Justice or its successor agency, and every medical resident who begins prescribing under a facility registration number from the drug enforcement administration, United States Department of Justice or its successor agency on or after July first, two thousand seventeen, shall complete such course work or training within one year of such registration and once within each three year period thereafter.

(c) The commissioner, in consultation with the department of education and the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, shall establish standards and review and approve course work or training in pain management, palliative care, and addiction and shall publish information related to such standards, course work or training on the department's website.

(d) Existing course work or training, including course work or training developed by a nationally recognized health care professional, specialty, or provider association, or nationally recognized pain management association, may be considered in implementing this subdivision.

(e) Nothing shall preclude course work or training that meets the requirements of paragraph (c) of this subdivision from counting toward this requirement if taken online.

(f) Course work or training shall include, but not be limited to: state and federal requirements for prescribing controlled substances; pain management; appropriate prescribing; managing acute pain; palliative medicine; prevention, screening and signs of addiction; responses to abuse and addiction; and end of life care.

(g) Each licensed person required by this subdivision to complete course work or training shall document to the department by attestation on a form prescribed by the commissioner that such licensed person has completed the course work or training required by this subdivision. For medical residents who are prescribing under a facility registration number from the drug enforcement administration, United States Department of Justice or its successor agency, such attestation shall be made by the facility.

(h) The department shall institute a procedure for application for an exemption from said requirement. The department may provide an exemption
from the course work and training required by this subdivision to any such licensed person who: (i) clearly demonstrates to the department’s satisfaction that there would be no need for him or her to complete such course work or training; or (ii) that he or she has completed course work or training deemed by the department to be equivalent to the course work or training approved by the department pursuant to this subdivision.

(i) Nothing herein shall preclude such course work or training in pain management, palliative care, and addiction from counting toward continuing education requirements under title eight of the education law to the extent provided in the regulations of the commissioner of education.

(j) Nothing herein shall preclude such course work or training in pain management, palliative care, and addiction from counting toward continuing education requirements of a nationally accredited medical board to the extent acceptable to such board.