

102-3-10a. Continuing education for licensees.

(a) Each licensee shall complete 30 hours of documented and approved continuing education oriented to the enhancement of a professional counselor's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge during each two-year renewal period. Continuing education hours accumulated in excess of the requirement shall not be carried over to the next renewal period.

(b) During each two-year renewal period and as a part of the required continuing education hours, each licensee shall complete three hours of professional ethics and six hours related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.

(c) One hour of continuing education credit shall consist of at least 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant or a minimum of an actual hour of other types of acceptable continuing education experiences listed in subsection (d). One-quarter hour of continuing education credit may be granted for each 15 minutes of acceptable continuing education. Credit shall not be granted for fewer than 15 minutes.

(d) Acceptable continuing education, whether taken within the state or outside the state, shall include the following:

(1) An academic professional counseling course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of professional counselor's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge, that is taken for academic credit. Each licensee shall be granted 15 continuing education hours for each academic credit hour that the licensee successfully completes. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 30;

(2) an academic professional counseling course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of a professional counselor's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge, that is audited. Each licensee may receive continuing education credit on the basis of the actual contact time that the licensee spends attending the course, up to a maximum of 15 hours per academic credit hour. The maximum numbers of allowable continuing education hours shall be 30;

(3) a seminar, institute, workshop, course, or minicourse. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 30;

(4) if a posttest is provided, an activity consisting of completing a computerized interactive learning module, viewing a telecast or videotape, listening to an audiotape, or reading. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 30;

(5) if a posttest is not provided, an activity consisting of completing a computerized interactive learning module, viewing a telecast or videotape, listening to an audiotape, or reading. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be five;

(6) a cross-disciplinary offering in medicine, law, the behavioral sciences, a foreign or sign language, computer science, professional or technical writing, business administration, management sciences, or any other discipline if the offering is clearly related to the enhancement of a professional counselor's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

(7) a self-directed learning project preapproved by the board. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

(8) providing supervision to graduate practicum or intern students, applicants for licensure as clinical professional counselors, or other clinical mental health practitioners. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

(9) the first-time preparation and presentation of a professional counseling course, seminar, institute, workshop, or mini-course. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10 for documented preparation and presentation time;

(10) the first-time publication of a professional counseling article in a juried professional journal. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10; and

(11) participation in professional organizations or appointment to professional credentialing boards, if the goals of the organizations or boards are clearly related to the enhancement of professional counseling practice, values, ethics, skills, and knowledge. Participation may include holding office or serving on committees of the organization or board. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10.

(e) Continuing education credit approval shall not be granted for identical programs if the programs are completed within the same renewal period.

(f) Continuing education credit shall not be granted for the following:

(1) First aid, CPR, infection control, or occupational health and safety courses;

(2) in-service training, if the training is for job orientation or job training, or is specific to the employing agency; or

(3) any activity for which the licensee cannot demonstrate to the board's satisfaction that the program's goals and objectives are to enhance the licensee's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge in professional counseling.

(g) Each licensee shall maintain individual, original continuing education records. These records shall document the licensee's continuing education activity attendance, participation, or completion as specified in K.A.R. 102-3-11a. Any licensee may be required to submit these records to the board at least 30 days before the expiration date of each current licensure period.

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