

102-5-10. Continuing education for licensees.

(a) Each licensee shall complete 40 hours of documented and approved continuing education during each two-year renewal period. Continuing education hours accumulated in excess of the required number of hours shall not be carried over to the next renewal period.

(b) During each two-year renewal period as a part of the required continuing education hours, each licensee shall complete a program on professional ethics that consists of at least three hours of formal training. This program shall meet the definition of marriage and family therapy continuing education in K.A.R. 102-5-1, and the program shall focus on ethical issues of the marriage and family therapy profession. These hours shall be obtained from any of the activities specified in paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(3), (d)(4), (d)(9), and (d)(10).

(c) Any licensee may receive continuing education credit for attending approved programs. Continuing education credit shall be granted on the basis of the actual contact time that the licensee spends attending each instructional activity. One-quarter continuing education hour may be granted for attending at least 15 but fewer than 30 minutes. Continuing education credit shall not be granted for fractional units of fewer than 15 minutes.

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

(1) An academic marriage and family therapy course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of a marriage and family therapist'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 40;

(2) an academic marriage and family therapy course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of a marriage and family therapist's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge, that is audited. The 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 number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(3) a seminar, institute, workshop, course, or minicourse. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 40;

(4) if a posttest is provided, an activity consisting of completing of 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 40;

(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 10;

(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 marriage and family therapist's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

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

(8) providing supervision to undergraduate or graduate practicum or intern students, applicants for licensure as clinical marriage and family therapists, or other mental health practitioners. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 15;

(9) preparing for and presenting for the first time a marriage and family therapy 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 marriage and family therapy 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 marriage and family therapy 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) Approval shall not be granted for identical programs if the programs are completed within the same renewal period.

(f) Approval shall not be granted for any of the following activities:

(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, ethics, values, skills, or knowledge in marriage and family therapy.

(g) Each licensee shall maintain individual continuing education records. Continuing education records shall document the licensee's continuing education activity attendance, participation, or completion as specified in K.A.R. 102-5-11. Any licensee may be required to submit these records to the board at least 30 days before the date the individual's license expires.

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