

102-7-9. Continuing education. (a) Each licensee shall complete 30 hours of documented and approved continuing education oriented to the enhancement of an addiction 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 each clinical addiction counselor licensee shall complete six hours related to the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders. 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) One hour of continuing education credit shall consist of at least 50 minutes of classroom instruction or at least one clock-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 addiction counseling course or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of addiction 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 addiction counseling course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of an addiction counselor's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge, that is audited. Each licensee shall 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, conference, workshop, or course. 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, 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 an addiction 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 practicum or intern students, applicants for licensure as clinical addiction 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 an addiction seminar, institute, conference, workshop, or course, or the substantial revision of an addiction counseling seminar, institute, conference, workshop, or course. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10 for documented preparation and presentation time;

(10) the preparation of a professional addiction counseling article published for the first time in a professional journal, a book chapter published by a recognized publisher, or a written presentation given for the first time at a statewide or national professional meeting. If more than one licensee or other professional authored the material, the continuing education credit shall be prorated among the authors. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10; and

(11) participation in a professional organization or appointment to a professional credentialing board, if the goals of the organization or board are clearly related to the enhancement of addiction 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) In-service training, if the training is for job orientation or job training or is specific to the employing agency; and

(2) 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 addiction 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. 102-7-10. 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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