

102-1-15. Continuing education.

(a) Each applicant for renewal of licensure shall have earned 50 continuing education hours in the two years preceding an application for renewal. The required number of continuing education hours shall be prorated for periods of renewal that are less than the full two years, using the ratio of one- third of the continuing education hours for each six months since the date of licensure or most recent renewal. Continuing education hours for each type of continuing education activity as specified below in subsection (d) shall be prorated accordingly for those persons whose periods of renewal are less than the full two years. Each person who is licensed within six months of the current expiration period shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement for that person's first renewal period.

(b) The content of each continuing education activity shall be clearly related to the enhancement of psychology practice, values, skills, or knowledge.

(c) During each two-year renewal cycle and as part of the required continuing education hours, each licensed psychologist shall complete at least three continuing education hours of training on professional ethics and at least six continuing education hours related to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. These hours shall be obtained from any of the activities specified in paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(4), and (d)(6) of this regulation.

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

(1) Attendance at workshops, seminars, and presentations that are sponsored, accredited, or conducted by educational institutions, professional associations, or private institutions. These activities shall be sponsored, accredited, or conducted by educational institutions, professional associations, or private institutions that are nationally or regionally accredited for training. Activities conducted by agencies, groups, or individuals that do not meet the requirements of national or regional accreditation shall be acceptable, if the content is clearly related to the enhancement of psychology skills, values, and knowledge. Actual contact hours, excluding breaks and lunch, shall be credited. A maximum of 50 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(2) the first-time preparation and initial presentation of courses, workshops, or other formal training activities, for which a maximum of 15 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(3) documented completion of a self-study program. A maximum of 12 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(4) documented completion of a self-study program with a posttest that is conducted by a continuing education provider as described in paragraph (d)(1). A maximum of 40 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(5) publication and professional presentation. Fifteen continuing education hours may be claimed for the publication or professional presentation of each scientific or professional paper or book chapter authored by the applicant. A maximum of 45 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(6) completion of an academic course, for which a maximum of 15 continuing education hours shall be allowed for each academic semester credit hour;

(7) providing supervision as defined in K.A.R. 102-1-1, for which a maximum of 15 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(8) receiving supervision as defined in K.A.R. 102-1-1, except in connection with any disciplinary action, for which a maximum of 15 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(9) initial preparation for a specialty board examination, for which a maximum of 25 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(10) participation in quality care, client or patient diagnosis review conferences, treatment utilization reviews, peer review, case consultation with another licensed psychologist, or other quality assurance committees or activities, for which a maximum of 15 continuing education hours shall be allowed;

(11) participation, including holding office, in any professional organization related to the applicant's professional activities, if the organization's activities are clearly related to the enhancement of psychology or mental health practice, values, skills, or knowledge. A maximum of 12 continuing education hours shall be allowed; and

(12) receiving personal psychotherapy that is provided by a licensed or certified mental health provider and is a part of a designated training program. A maximum of 20 continuing education hours shall be allowed.

(e) Each licensed psychologist shall be responsible for maintaining personal continuing education records. Each licensee shall submit to the board the licensee's personal records of participation in continuing education activities if requested by the board.

(f) In determining whether or not a claimed continuing education activity will be allowed, the licensed psychologist may be required by the board to demonstrate that the content was clearly related to psychology or to verify that psychologist's participation in any claimed or reported activity. If a psychologist fails to comply with this requirement, the claimed credit may be disallowed by the board.

(g) Any applicant who submits continuing education documentation that fails to meet the required 50 continuing education hours may request an extension from the board. The request shall include the applicant's reason for requesting an extension and a plan outlining the manner in which the applicant intends to complete the continuing education requirements. For good cause shown, the applicant may be granted an extension, which shall not exceed six months.

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