

255-X-3-.03 Supervising Counselor.

(1) General. Supervising Counselors shall be licensed professional counselors and shall have adequate training, knowledge and skill to render competent clinical supervision.

(2) (Repealed).

(3) Licensed professional counselors applying for supervising counselor status must comply with the following requirements.

(a) Experience. Document one of the following:

1. A minimum of five (5) years of full time (20+ hours per week) clinical practice as a licensed professional counselor (LPC).
2. Successful completion of one (1) year of supervision-of-supervision as a Supervising Associate by a Supervising Counselor according to the requirements of Section 255-X-3-.05.

(b) Professional Association. Read, be familiar with, and agree to supervise in accordance with the ethical standards of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES).

(c) Training. Document successful completion of one or more of the following supervisory training programs:

1. A passing grade at an accredited college or university in an academic course specific to supervision of counselors.
2. Supervision certification by one, or more, of the following clinical associations:
 - a. AAMFT – Approved Supervisor.
 - b. American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) – Diplomate.
 - c. AMHCA – Approved Supervisor.

d. NBCC – Approved Clinical Supervisor.

3. American Mental Health Association (AMHCA) supervisory training specific to supervision of counselors for a minimum of twenty-four (24) contact hours.

4. Supervision according to one of the following:

(a) Thirty (30) hours of supervision-of-supervision by an approved, or certified supervisor in one of the four clinical associations listed in (c) 2 above or a Supervising Counselor meeting the requirements of this chapter.

(b) Successful completion of Supervising Associate experiential requirements. Applicants having completed the experience requirement as a Supervising Associate according to the requirements of Section 255-X-3-.05 must provide a letter, signed by the Supervising Counselor in 255-X-3-.03(a)2 accounting for the total clock hours of supervision-of-supervision provided.

5. Any Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling (ABEC) approved supervisory training event, for a minimum of twenty-four (24) contact hours. Board approval must be requested thirty (30) or more days prior to the scheduled training event, and must be accompanied by a program description and qualifications of the instructor.

(d) Theoretical Foundation. Present a statement satisfactory to the Board, in typed form, discussing the philosophy and models of supervision, and the applicant's strengths and weaknesses as a potential supervisor. This statement should adequately demonstrate familiarity with the significant legal, ethical, and clinical issues relevant to the supervisory relationship.

(e) Peer Recommendations. The applicant must present to the Board peer recommendations from three (3) LPCs who have a current Alabama license, indicating their views on the applicant's strengths and weaknesses as a potential supervisor.

(f) Limitations of Supervision Practice. No Supervising Counselor may exceed a total of five (5) supervisees, with a maximum of three (3) Supervising Associates.

(g) Continuing Education Credit. One hour (.10) of CEU credit may be earned for each ten (10) hours of supervision. Up to ten (10) contact hours of the required forty (40) hours of continuing education may be earned by supervision of an associate licensed counselor. Approved supervisors may obtain up to, but no more than, one (1.0) continuing education credit (CEU) for one hundred (100) hours of supervision in a two-

year period. Up to ten (10) contact hours of the required forty (40) hours of continuing education may be earned by supervision of a Supervising Associate. Supervising Counselors may obtain up to, but no more than, one (1.0) continuing education credit (CEU) for forty-eight (48) hours of supervision-of-supervision in a two-year period.

(h) Fees. There will be a non-refundable \$150.00 fee for the application process for approved supervisors.

(i) Recertification. There is no process required for approved supervisors who maintain continuous licensure status as a licensed professional counselor. Licensees who fail to renew their license must petition the Board to reinstate their Supervising Counselor status.

(i) Waiver of Requirements. (Repealed)

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