

255-X-7-.03 Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor (LPC-S) Renewal.

(1) General. All Licensed Professional Counselor - Supervisor certifications expire biennially and on July 31 of the renewal year with the LPC license they are attached to.

(2) Recertification/renewal of the LPC-S certification will be a part of the LPC license the LPC-S is based upon. A separate renewal of the LPC-s is not necessary.

(3) Continuing Education. Maintenance of the Supervisor status shall require that the LPC-S accrue a minimum of five (5) formal contact clock hours of relevant professional and continued education devoted to supervision, and meeting the definition in section 255-X-2-.18, during each two-year renewal cycle of the accompanying LPC license.

(a) A minimum of five (5) formal contact clock hours of relevant professional and continued education devoted to supervision during each two-year renewal cycle of the accompanying LPC license. These five (5) hours cannot be from the Continuing Education Credit for LPC-Supervisors. These five (5) hours can count as a part of the required forty (40) hours of continuing education for LPC licensure renewal.

(b) All formal contact clock hours of relevant professional and continued educational experience shall meet the ABEC Continuing Education Guidelines; or shall be formal graduate academic course work, excluding thesis or dissertation credit. Academic courses taken as “audits” must be verified with an official transcript and letter from the instructor confirming attendance.

(c) The LPC-S is responsible for maintaining documentation to verify completion of all continuing activities listed on the renewal application. This documentation must be available for review by the Board upon request for a period of three (3) years following the renewal period in which the continuing education activities were used for licensure renewal.

(d) Real-Time Participation in Continuing Education Activities. A minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the continuing education activities required for any licensure renewal period must consist of real-time interactive participation in seminars, classes, workshops, presentations, training programs, or similar activities. Such real-time interactive participation must involve licensee presence in the location of the activity as it occurs or use of interactive technology by the licensee for the activity as it occurs. Self-contained or asynchronous activities (e.g., recorded presentations, reading, online study) that do not feature opportunities for dialogue and interaction for the licensee as the activity occurs do not qualify as real-time participation in continuing education.

(e) Documentation of Continuing Education Activities. All certificates of completion/verification of attendance must contain: licensee’s name, name of workshop/seminar/training, name of sponsoring entity, dates of the activity, CE privier number or documentation of the provider, and number of contact hours granted.

(f) Review of LPC-S’s compliance for continuing education in supervision will be a part of the LPC audit process.

(g) Non-Compliance. In the case of non-compliance with continuing education requirements, the audited LPC-S will have a three (3) month compliance period to meet continuing education requirements. During the three (3) month compliance period, the Board may initiate a complaint citing the licensee with failure to meet continuing education requirements for renewal. During the three (3) month compliance period, the licensee may request an immediate hearing before the board concerning the continuing education requirements in question. Failure to meet continuing education requirements within the three

(3) month compliance period may result in formal disciplinary action by the board.

(4) Lapsed License. A lapsed LPC license will invalidate any attached LPC-S certification and will require the LPC to reapply for LPC-S certification.

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