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Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41-22-5(b) and 41-22-6(c)(2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency (amendment, new rule, new chapter, repeal or adoption by reference) is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 22nd day of July, 2022.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 255-X-3-.01 Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: July 22, 2022

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days): November 18, 2022

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: To revise the master's degree graduate hours in consideration for licensure to not increased until January 1, 2024.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 34-8A-1 Code of Ala. 1975

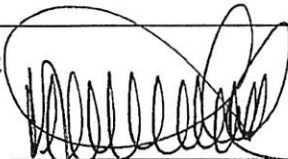
SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS X YES NO

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(1) General. All applicants must meet the qualifications specified in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-7(1) through (6).

(2) Education.

(a) Beginning Prior to January 1, 20222024, a master's degree in counseling is defined as a single conferred/awarded master's degree in counseling, consisting of a minimum of sixty (60) forty-eight (48) graduate semester hours or ninety (90) seventy-two (72) graduate quarter hours at a regionally accredited college or university (e.g., Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). The master's degree must contain and encompass the academic areas specified in paragraph 2(b). Beginning January 1, 2024, a master's degree in counseling is defined as a single conferred/awarded master's degree in counseling from a CACREP accredited program, consisting of a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester hours, or ninety (90) graduate quarter hours at a regionally accredited college or university (e.g. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). The master's degree must contain and encompass the academic areas specified below in paragraph 2(b). No less than these hourly requirements and academic areas in a single program will be accept. A master's degree is defined as a single conferred/awarded master's degree in counseling (clinical counseling/clinical mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, marriage couple and family counseling, community/guidance counseling, or school counseling). That master's degree must consist of at least sixty (60) graduate semester hours, or ninety (90) graduate quarter hours, and containing the academic areas specified below in paragraph 2(b). No less than these hourly requirements and academic areas in a single program will be accepted. Anyone currently enrolled prior to January 1, 2022, in any approved program master's degree (clinical counseling/clinical mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, marriage, couple, and family counseling, community/guidance counseling, or school counseling) will be given twenty four (24) months to submit an application for licensure.

Author: Alabama State Board of Examiners in Counseling

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-8A-1, et seq.

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