

102-6-10. Continuing education for registrants.

(a) Each registrant shall complete 30 hours of documented and approved continuing education during each two year renewal period. Continuing education hours accumulated in excess of the 30-hour requirement shall not be carried over to the next renewal period.

(b) As a part of the required 30 hours, each registrant shall complete a program on professional ethics or unprofessional conduct consisting of at least three hours of formal training. This program shall meet the definition of alcohol or other drug abuse counseling continuing education contained in K.A.R. 102-6-1 and shall focus on ethical issues or unprofessional conduct issues associated with the alcohol or other drug abuse profession. These hours shall be obtained from any of the types of acceptable continuing education specified in paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(3), (d)(4), (d)(9), and (d)(10).

(c) Credit for approved programs shall be awarded on the basis of one continuing education hour for each 50 minutes actually spent in attendance at instructional activities. One-quarter continuing education hour shall be awarded for attendance of at least 15 but less than 30 minutes. No continuing education credit may be claimed for fractional units smaller than 15 minutes.

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

(1) An academic alcohol or other drug abuse counseling course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of alcohol and other drug abuse counselor's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge, that is taken for academic credit. Each registrant shall be granted 15 continuing education hours for each academic credit hour that the registrant successfully completes. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 30;

(2) an academic alcohol and other drug abuse counselor course, or an academic course oriented to the enhancement of alcohol and other drug abuse counselor's practice, values, ethics, skills, or knowledge, that is audited. Any registrant may receive continuing education credit on the basis of the actual contact time that the registrant spends attending the course, up to a maximum of 15 hours per academic credit hour. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be unlimited;

(3) a seminar, institute, workshop, course, or minicourse. 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 video tape, 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, the behavioral sciences, 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 alcohol or other drug abuse counselor's practice, values, 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) supervision of graduate practicum students, applicants for registration as alcohol or other drug abuse counselors, or other professional mental health practitioners engaged in alcohol or other drug abuse counseling. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10;

(9) the first-time preparation and presentation of an alcohol or other drug abuse counseling course, seminar, institute, workshop, course, or mini-course. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10 for documented preparation and presentation time; and

(10) the first-time publication of an alcohol or other drug abuse counseling article in a juried professional journal. The maximum number of allowable continuing education hours shall be 10.

(e) Approval shall not be granted for any of the following:

(1) Identical programs if the programs are completed within the same registration renewal period;

(2) job orientation, in-service training or on-the-job training if the training is solely for job orientation or job training or is specific to the employing agency;

(3) first aid courses, including CPR; or

(4) any activity for which the registrant cannot demonstrate that the program's goals and objectives are to enhance the registrant's practice, values, skills, or knowledge in alcohol or other drug abuse counseling.

(f) Each registrant shall maintain individual continuing education records. Continuing education records shall document the registrant's attendance as specified in K.A.R. 102-6-11. These records may be required to be submitted to the board at least 30 days before the expiration date of each current registration period.

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