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ALASKA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

POSITION STATEMENT: Board Approved Supervisor Continuing Education

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Status: Approved.

Organized by: The Alaska State Board of Professional Counselors

Adopted by: The Alaska State Board of Professional Counselors

PURPOSE:

The Board of Professional Counselors holds to the following position regarding approved continuing education courses for the Board Approved Supervisor Certification and the approval of a specific synchronous course for applicants.

HISTORY:

The Board of Professional Counselors (board) updated the regulations pertaining to required continuing education for the Board Approved Supervisor (LPC-S) certification from six hours of continuing education to requiring 25 hours of continuing education, with at least 12 hours of synchronous education, that is approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC), the American Counseling Association (ACA), the American Mental Health Counseling Association (AMHCA), or courses that are pre-approved by the board. In addition, a three graduate-semester hour course in clinical supervision will fulfill this requirement.

Since this change, there have been several applicants who have had to take additional continuing education courses as the courses they had previously taken were not approved by the organizations listed above and these courses did not have pre-approval from the board under subsection (E).

In addition, numerous applicants have used the course titled "[2 Day Intensive: Clinical Supervision: Providing Effective Supervision, Navigating Ethical Issues and Managing Risk](#)" from PESI to complete the requirement of 12 synchronous hours of continuing education. It has been brought to the attention of the board that PESI is no longer approved by NBCC which would disqualify applicants from being able to utilize this course to meet the requirements of 12 AAC 62.200.

SUPPORTIVE DISCUSSION AND MATERIALS:

The board reviewed the regulation pertaining to the requirements for the LPC-S, 12 AAC 62.200. In the interest of removing barriers to licensure, the board has approved the live webinar [“2 Day Intensive: Clinical Supervision: Providing Effective Supervision, Navigating Ethical Issues and Managing Risk”](#) under subsection (E) and will create a list of approved courses as a resource for future applicants.

12 AAC 62.200 APPROVED COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATION.

(a) The board will certify as an approved counselor supervisor an applicant who meets the requirements of AS 08.29.210 and of this section. An applicant for certification under this section must

- (1) submit a complete application, on a form provided by the department;
 - (2) submit the board-approved supervisor fee established in 12 AAC 02.325;
 - (3) certify that the applicant adheres, and will continue to adhere, to the ethical guidelines adopted in (b) of this section;
 - (4) submit documentation of having completed at least 25 contact hours of continuing education related to supervision of professional counselors within the two years preceding the date of application; the 25 contact hours of continuing education must include at least 12 hours earned through attendance and completion of synchronous courses, seminars, and workshops; the 25 contact hours must be obtained through any of the following:**
 - (A) a three semester-hour graduate course in clinical supervision;**
 - (B) a course approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC);**
 - (C) a course approved by the American Counseling Association (ACA);**
 - (D) a course approved by the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA);**

or

 - (E) other courses related to professional counseling supervision and presented to the board for pre-approval as equivalent to courses described in (B) – (D) of this paragraph; and**
- (5) if the applicant is applying to be certified as an approved counselor supervisor from another jurisdiction, submit a copy of the applicant's license in that jurisdiction.

SUMMARY:

The Board of Professional Counselors has approved the following course under 12 AAC 62.200(a)(4)(E) to fulfill the requirement of synchronous credits required due to the limited availability of synchronous courses that are “related to the supervision of professional counselors” as cited in 12 AAC 62.200(a)(4). The board will be expanding this list as additional courses are reviewed to better assist applicants in accessing the requisite courses for this certification.

[2 Day Intensive: Clinical Supervision: Providing Effective Supervision, Navigating Ethical Issues and Managing Risk](#)

Courses not specifically pre-approved by the board or approved by the organizations listed in 12 AAC 62.200(a)(4)(A-D), may not be counted towards this certification. Please verify that it is identifiable on either the certificate or provide additional documentation that your courses meet these requirements.