

**12 AAC 19.310. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.** (a) An applicant for renewal of a marital and family therapy license who has been licensed 18 months or more of the concluding license period shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education acceptable to the board that was earned during the concluding license period including at least

- (1) two contact hours in professional ethics;
- (2) two contact hours in addictions;
- (3) two contact hours in cross cultural education; and
- (4) two contact hours related to issues of domestic violence.

(b) An applicant for renewal of a marital and family therapy license who has been licensed at least 12 months but less than 18 months of the concluding license period shall document completion of 30 contact hours of continuing education acceptable to the board that was earned during the concluding license period including at least

- (1) two contact hours in professional ethics;
- (2) two contact hours in addictions;
- (3) two contact hours in cross cultural education; and
- (4) two contact hours related to issues of domestic violence.

(c) An applicant for renewal of a marital and family therapy license who has been licensed less than 12 months of the concluding license period shall document completion of 23 contact hours of continuing education acceptable to the board that was earned during the concluding license period including at least

- (1) two contact hours in professional ethics;
- (2) two contact hours in addictions;
- (3) two contact hours in cross cultural education; and
- (4) two contact hours related to issues of domestic violence.

(d) For the purposes of this section,

- (1) one "contact hour" equals a minimum of 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant;
- (2) one academic semester credit equals 15 contact hours; and
- (3) one academic quarter credit equals 10 contact hours.

(e) Only hours of actual attendance during which instruction was given will be accepted as continuing education contact hours earned from an academic course that is audited by the licensee, and the total number of contact hours earned may not exceed the academic credit hours offered for that course.

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**12 AAC 19.320. APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.** (a) To be accepted by the board, continuing education must contribute directly to the professional competency of a marital and family therapist and must be directly related to the skills and knowledge required to implement marital and family therapy principles and methods.

(b) The following continuing education activities are acceptable if they are related to marital and family therapy in accordance with (a) of this section:

- (1) postgraduate courses given by a regionally accredited academic institution, either audited or for credit;
- (2) courses offered by the American Association for Marital and Family Therapy;
- (3) courses offered by the Alaska Association for Marital and Family Therapy;
- (4) seminars, workshops, or mini-courses offered by professional organizations;
- (5) cross-disciplinary courses, seminars, or workshops in the fields of medicine, law, behavioral sciences, ethics, or other disciplines;
- (6) courses, seminars, or workshops in substance abuse, domestic violence, cross-cultural issues, gender issues, or child abuse;
- (7) other courses not covered under (1)--(6) of this subsection that are specifically preapproved by the board, up to a maximum of 15 contact hours;
- (8) first-time preparation and presentation of a marital and family therapy course, seminar, or workshop, up to a maximum of 10 contact hours allocated among all marital and family therapists and other professionals involved;
- (9) first-time presentation or publication of an article or book chapter related to the practice of marital and family therapy that was presented at a state or national association meeting or published by a publisher recognized by the profession, up to a maximum of 10 contact hours allocated among all marital and family therapists and other professionals involved; and
- (10) completion of a formal correspondence program, video tape program, audio cassette program, or other individual study program; the number of hours of continuing education credit awarded will be determined by the board using the contact hour standards described in 12 AAC 19.310(d)(1), not to exceed one-half of the total contact hours of continuing education required for license renewal under 12 AAC 19.310; a program under this paragraph is acceptable only if

(A) the program requires registration and provides evidence of successful completion; or