

## **510-8-.02 Types of Continuing Education.**

(1) Successful completion of the board examination of the American Board of Professional Psychology will satisfy all continuing education requirements in the biennium during which the examination is passed. Documentation from ABPP must be submitted to the Board.

(2) Continuing Education requirements may also be met through hours acquired in the following:

(a) **Professional Ethics.** A licensed psychologist must complete a minimum of three clock hours in professional ethics to renew his/her license each biennium. These hours must be earned through Areas I, III, or IV. The main focus of the program must be on the ethical principles involved. Hours concerned exclusively with legal, legislative, or malpractice issues will not fulfill the ethics requirement. Documentation must include date, title, location, sponsoring agency and hours. A psychologist who serves as a peer reviewer, the completion of which is acknowledged by the Board, for an alleged violation of the law or rules will also meet the three-hour ethics requirement for the current biennium if the review is submitted as a written report to the Board. A psychologist who serves on a subcommittee of the Board for oral examinations will also meet the three hour ethics requirement for the current biennium. A psychologist who serves as a member of the Ethics committee for the Georgia Psychological Association or as a Board member of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists during the biennium will also meet the three-hour ethics requirement.

(b) **Psychopharmacology.** A licensed psychologist must complete a minimum of three hours in the area of Clinical Psychopharmacology to renew his/her license each biennium. I-O psychologists or Consulting psychologists who are not otherwise engaged in a health service practice are exempt from this requirement. Documentation must include date, title, location, sponsoring agency and hours. These hours must be earned through areas I, III, or IV.

(c) **Cultural Diversity.** All first time renewals must complete a minimum of three hours in the area of Cultural Diversity. Cultural Diversity courses will deal with issues that arise due to the differences between racial groups, gender, age, religions, lifestyles, beliefs, physical capabilities, ethnicity, socio-economic, and subcultures. Documentation must include date, title, location, sponsoring agency and hours. These hours must be earned through areas I, III, or IV. This requirement may be satisfied by documentation on the graduate transcript of a specific course taken in cultural diversity while in graduate school.

(d) **Area I-Academic Courses and Professional Supervision.** This includes seminars and approved courses given by recognized universities, hospitals, and training institutions. It does not include courses the licensee teaches (see Area V). It may also include other courses of study, which follow the academic model, (i.e. continuity of subject matter, regularly scheduled attendance, and collateral readings). "Grand Rounds"

in a hospital or professional school will qualify if there is continuity of subject matter on a single coherent topic over a series of dates, with a minimum of ten hours and collateral readings. A structured program of supervision will qualify if there are regularly scheduled supervision sessions (minimum of ten hours) and collateral readings. Document supervision with a list of dates attended, course description, location, and number of hours. If supervision credit is requested, a descriptive letter from the supervisor must be submitted. Each instructional or supervision hour qualifies for one hour of CE credit. A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area I biennially.

(e) **Area II-Conventions.** This area includes national, international, regional, and state associations of psychologists' annual meetings that are attended in person. Documentation must include the date, convention title, location, and hours. If other than a psychological convention is attended for credit, documentation must include a memo indicating relevance to professional growth and development as a psychologist. One convention day qualifies for three hours of CE credit with a maximum of 6 hours of CE credits per day (ex. One 3 hour workshop under Area III and 3 hours of general convention activities or 6 hours of workshops under Area III). A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area II biennially.

(f) **Area III-Workshops and Institutes.** This area includes workshops at conventions, hospitals, and training institutions. These must last a minimum of three hours, be attended in person, cover a professional issue or topic, and be made available to the psychological community in general. A "Grand Rounds" series shorter than that included under Area I will qualify if there is one professional issue or topic covered for a minimum of three hours in a continuous sequence of conferences. Each workshop hour qualifies for one hour of CE credit. Documentation must include an official certificate of attendance issued by the CE presenter/sponsoring organization and include date, title, location, and hours. A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area III biennially.

(g) **Area IV-APA or GPA Approved Continuing Education Programs.** A certificate of attendance provided by APA or GPA must be submitted to document dates attended, title, location, approving organization, and number of hours. Each instructional hour qualifies for one hour of CE credit. These programs must be attended in person. Documentation must include an official certificate of attendance issued by the CE presenter/sponsoring organization and include date, title, location, and hours. A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area IV biennially.

(h) **Area V-Self Instructional Activity.** This is a broadly defined area intended to accommodate any self-development activities, which are relevant to one's professional interests. This area includes use of audiotapes, videotapes, books, and journals. Credit is also given for conducting a workshop or academic course for the **first time**, and for preparation of articles for publication for the **first time**. Documentation is by a memo that justifies the credit claimed. Each hour of self instructional activity qualifies for one (1) hour of CE credit. A maximum of 10 hours is allowed in Area V biennially.

(i) **On line Continuing Education.** On line instruction qualifies as CE credit only under

## Area V.

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