

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
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MINUTES**

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Dean Aufderheide, Ph.D, Chair  
Dr. Luis Orta, Ph.D

**STAFF PRESENT**

Allen Hall, Executive Director  
Anna L. Hart King, Program Operations Administrator  
Michelle Branch, Regulatory Specialist II  
Annie Patterson, Regulatory Specialist II

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Rachel Clark, Esquire

**Dr. Dean Aufderheide, Chair, called the Continuing Education Committee to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.**

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Tab 1** Discussion - Rule 64B19-13.003 F.A.C., Continuing Psychological Education Credit

During the January 2013 meeting, the full Board reviewed the latest draft language revised as per the Committee's discussion during its November 2012 conference call. Dr. Harry Reiff requested the rule be referred back to the Committee for further development. Dr. Reiff also indicated that he would provide comments on the draft rule for consideration by the Committee during its next scheduled conference call.

During the instant meeting, the Committee was address by Dr. Carol Webster, Florida-Licensed Psychologist, as well as Dr. Carolyn Stimel, Director of Professional Affairs, Florida Psychological Association.

The Committee reviewed the following revised draft language proposed by Dr. Harry Reiff (in ***bold italics***).

**64B19-13.003 Continuing Psychological Education Credit.**

(1) Continuing psychological education credit will be granted for:

(a) ~~Completion of graduate level courses approved for credit by sponsors approved by the American Psychological Association;~~

(b) Completion of graduate level courses in psychology provided by a university or professional school which is ***accredited by the Americian Psychological Association regionally accereditd;*** (7) continuing psychological education credits may be obtained for each one credit course, (14) continuing psychological education credits for two credit course, and (21) continuing psychological education credits for three credit course, for a maximum of (21) credits per renewal period~~except that no more than ten (10) hours of continuing psychological education credit may be obtained for each semester hour;~~

(c) Completion of a colloquium, a presentation, a workshop or a symposium offered for continuing education credit by a doctoral psychology program or a *psychology* internship or residency which is ~~part of a psychology program that is~~ accredited by the American Psychological Association; the amount of continuing psychological education credits will be granted as specified by the program, agency or institution offering or sponsoring these activities;

(d) Full attendance at workshops/seminars offered by providers approved by the American Psychological Association ~~or any of its affiliates~~, or providers approved by the Board. A list of Board approved providers is available from the Board office upon request; continuing psychological education credits will be granted on an hour by hour basis;

(e) Simple attendance at a state, regional or national psychology convention or conference. Only ~~five (5) four (4)~~ credits will be allowed each biennium regardless of how many state, regional or national conventions or conferences are attended during that biennium; one (1) continuing psychological education credit will be granted per one conference day;

~~(f) Attainment of diplomate status in a specialty area from the American Board of Professional Psychology, for which thirty seven (37) continuing psychological education credits, not including the two-hour continuing education course on domestic violence required by Section 456.031(1), F.S., and the two-hour continuing education course on the prevention of medical errors required by Section 456.013(7), F.S., will be allowed only during the biennium during which the diplomate is first awarded;~~

(f) Attainment of diplomate status or Board Certification in a specialty area within related to the practice of psychology from ~~the American Board of Professional Psychology, or any certifying body Professional Psychological Board or Institution recognized by the Board pursuant to FS 490.0149 or approved by any Board within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department of Health or by the American Psychological Association~~, for which thirty-seven (37) continuing psychological education credits, not including the two-hour continuing education course on domestic violence required by Section 456.031(1), F.S., and the two-hour continuing education course on the prevention of medical errors required by Section 456.013(7), F.S., will be allowed only during the biennium during which the diplomate is first awarded;

(g) Presenting or moderating for the first time per biennium only a continuing psychological education program sponsored by a provider approved by the Board, except that credit will be limited to the number of credits allowed by the program;

(h) Each hour of attendance at a Board meeting or Board committee meeting. Only one credit will be granted for each hour of full attendance and only ten (10) credits will be allowed each biennium regardless of how many hours are attended during the biennium. Attendance at a Board or committee meeting shall also satisfy, hour by hour, the requirement of professional ethics and legal issues credit set out in subsection (3) of this rule.

~~(i) Continuing education courses approved by any Board within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department of Health, provided that such courses enhance the psychological skills and/or psychological knowledge of the licensee; continuing psychological education credits will be granted on an hour by hour basis, or as specified by the agency.~~

(j) The provision of volunteer expert witness opinions for cases being reviewed pursuant to laws and standards relevant to the practice of psychology. Two (2) hours of credit shall be awarded for each case reviewed up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium. In this regard, volunteer expert witnesses are expected to perform a review of the psychological, medical, legal, and/or ethical literature, as appropriate to the case being reviewed.

~~(k) Professional activities such as Serving on *American Psychological Association and/or Florida Psychological Association* *psychological association* chapter, state, or national boards or committees, editorial boards of peer reviewed journals related to psychology, scientific grant review teams or board member of regulatory body; a maximum of (5)(10) continuing psychological education credits will be granted per renewal period.~~

(l) ~~Instruction~~ (teaching as an adjunct professor of a graduate level course in psychology or related to psychology in a regionally accredited institution); a maximum of (20) continuing education credits will be granted for the first time teaching per course for each renewal period.

(m) Publications in the field of psychology (research, peer-reviewed articles, books, book chapters, textbooks or editor or co-editor of peer reviewed journals); a maximum of (10) continuing psychological

education credits will be granted per publication per renewal period, not to exceed (30) continuing psychological education credits per renewal period.

(n) Self directed learning, unstructured or self structured learning related to the practice of the psychologist. This includes the use of audiotapes, videotapes, electronically mediated presentations, and reading of books and journals. A maximum of five (5) credits will be granted on an hour by hour basis per renewal period.

(2) No continuing psychological education credit may be earned for:

(a) Regular work activities as a psychologist;

(b) Membership, office in, or participation on boards or committees of professional organizations;

~~(b)(e)~~ Independent, unstructured or self-structured learning;

~~(c)(d)~~ Personal psychotherapy or personal growth experience;

~~(e)~~ Authoring or editing books or articles;

~~(d)(f)~~ Obtaining or providing supervision or consultation from or under a psychologist or other professional who is not a Board approved continuing psychological education provider;

~~(e)(g)~~ Home study except from providers approved by the American Psychological Association or any of its affiliates.

(3) As a condition of biennial licensure renewal, each licensee must complete forty (40) hours of continuing psychological education.

(a) Three (3) of the forty (40) hours must be on professional ethics and Florida Statutes and rules affecting the practice of psychology. Of those three hours, at least one hour shall be on professional ethics, and at least one hour shall be on Florida laws and rules relevant to the practice of psychology and shall include Chapters 456 and 490, F.S. and Rule Chapter 64B19, F.A.C.

(b) Two (2) of the forty (40) hours must relate to prevention of medical errors. In addition to the study of root-cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety, the course content shall also be designed to discuss potential errors within a psychological setting, such as inadequate assessment of suicide risk, failure to comply with mandatory abuse reporting laws, and failure to detect medical conditions presenting as a psychological disorder. If the course is offered by a facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 395, F.S., for its employees, the Board will approve up to one (1) hour of the two (2) hour course to be specifically related to error reduction and prevention methods used in that facility.

(c) Passage of the laws and rules examination of the Board constitutes forty (40) hours of continuing education credit, including credit for professional ethics and Florida Statutes and rules affecting the practice of psychology. Passage of the laws and rules examination, however, does not satisfy the requirement for the two (2) credit hours of continuing education on domestic violence required every third biennial licensure renewal period, nor the requirement for two (2) hours relating to prevention of medical errors.

(4) The licensee shall maintain, and make available upon request, documentation to substantiate continuing psychological education credit required by the Board. The licensee shall retain such documentation for two (2) years following the renewal period during which the continuing psychological education credit was required.

(5) Every six years, each licensee shall complete two (2) hours of continuing psychological education on domestic violence as defined in Section 741.28, F.S.; these two (2) hours shall be part of the forty (40) hours otherwise required for each biennial licensure renewal. The licensee shall maintain documentation to substantiate timely completion of these two (2) hours and make said documentation available upon request every third biennial licensure renewal period.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.013(7),(9), 490.004(4), 490.0085(4) FS. Law Implemented 456.013(7), 490.007(2), 490.0085(1), (3) FS. History—New 1-28-93, Amended 7-14-93, Formerly 21U-13.0042, Amended 6-14-94, Formerly 61F13-13.0042, Amended 2-8-96, 11-18-96, Formerly 59AA-13.003, Amended 1-10-01, 8-5-01, 5-21-02, 6-3-04, 1-2-06, 12-31-06, 2-24-08, 5-26-08, 1-7-09, 11-8-10, \_\_\_\_\_.*

Dr. Webster stated an objection to (1)(k), indicating that restricting this type of credit only for service with the listed entities excludes licensees who may spend substantial hours involved in other psychological boards and committees throughout the country.

Dr. Webster also inquired as to how licensees would be granted credit under proposed paragraph (1)(m) with regard to publications in the field of psychology. Board staff will seek information on

how other Boards with similar provisions grant credit to their licensees and report back to the full Board at the April 2013 meeting.

Following discussion, Dr. Luis Orta moved to accept the following revisions to the draft language:

(1)(a) Delete the entire paragraph.

(1)(b) Add “*accredited by the American Psychological Association*” and keep “*regionally accredited*”.

(1)(c) Add “*psychology*” and delete “*part of a psychology program that is*”.

(1)(d) Retain “*or any of its affiliates*”.

(1)(e) Add “*one*” and keep the number (1) to be consistent.

(1)(f) Delete the entire former section and accept current section to read: “*Attainment of diplomate status or Board Certification in a specialty area within the practice of psychology from any certifying body recognized by the Board pursuant to FS 490.0149, for which thirty-seven (37) continuing psychological education credits, not including the two-hour continuing education course on domestic violence required by Section 456.031(1), F.S., and the two-hour continuing education course on the prevention of medical errors required by Section 456.013(7), F.S., will be allowed only during the biennium during which the diplomate is first awarded*”0.

(1)(k) Add “*American Psychological Association and/or Florida Psychological Association*” and strike “*psychological association*”.

(1)(l) Delete “*instruction*”.

Dr. Dean Aufderheide seconded the motion, which carried 2/0.

Dr. Orta inquired concerning how to access the list of Florida Board-approved specialty certifying entities on the Department’s website. Board staff agreed to send the link and to look in making the information more accessible on the web.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.