

Continuing Education Policy Statement

The Board of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapy and Clinical Pastoral Therapy adopted the following on May 2, 2003:

A Professional Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist or a Clinical Pastoral Therapist licensed in Tennessee is required to complete 10 clock hours of continuing education each calendar year. Those who hold 2 certificates or licenses regulated by this Board shall complete 15 clock hours of continuing education each calendar year. Those who hold 3 certificates or licenses regulated by this Board shall complete 20 clock hours of continuing education each calendar year. In each case, at least 5 clock hours shall be directly related to the practice of each profession for which the person is licensed or certified.

Should the Tennessee licensed Professional Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist or a Clinical Pastoral Therapist fail to obtain the required amount of continuing education during the calendar year, the following shall occur.

1. The licensee must pay a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and payment rendered within 30 days upon notification from the Board.
2. The licensee must make up the amount of hours that he/she is deficient, in addition to the continuing education hours necessary to be obtained annually. The deficient hours must be made up within the following calendar year. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Board upon completion. Failure to fulfill these conditions may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond and obtain the deficient hours after receipt of notification may result in additional and/or other penalties.

*A licensee is exempt from the continuing education requirements for the calendar year that he/she is licensed. Please refer to Rules 0450-1-.12, 0450-2-.12 or 0450-3-.12 for continuing education requirements.