

SECTION .0500 - CONTINUING EDUCATION

21 NCAC 45 .0501 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(a) A certified person shall submit a form with continuing education requirements with his or her annual renewal form, which the Board will make accessible through its website. Each Fee-Based Practicing Pastoral Counselor and Pastoral Counseling Associate shall complete a total of 50 hours of continuing education each year in the following areas:

- (1) Category I - Pastoral Theology;
- (2) Category II - Clinical Theory and Practice;
- (3) Category III - Pastoral, Psychological, and Psychiatric Diagnosis;
- (4) Category IV - Consultation and Supervision; and
- (5) Category V - Reading Books and Professional Journals in the field of Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy.

(b) In a continuing education year, 20 hours of the 50 hours required shall be hours in Category I, II, and III.

(c) A continuing education year shall be defined as January 1 through December 31.

(d) A member of the armed forces whose license is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the license renewal fee and complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall be furnished to the Board.

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