

**2150.2540 CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.**

To satisfy the requirements of parts 2150.2500 to 2150.2660, a continuing education activity must be approved by the board or its designee. Activities may be approved for all attendees when submitted by the sponsor as prescribed in part 2150.2550, a licensee may request individual approval as prescribed in part 2150.2560, or activities may be automatically approved as prescribed in part 2150.2570. The board shall consider the following factors in determining whether an activity should be approved:

- A. the activity's relevance to the practices of professional counseling;
- B. the activity's relevance to the development and maintenance of professional skills of professional counselors;
- C. relation of the activity's proposed topics to the body of professional counseling knowledge;
- D. whether the activity is structured on sound educational principles and fits into one of the following categories:
  - (1) structured educational activities with an instructor as a part of conventions, workshops, seminars, lectures, interactive or other online media, and graduate and postgraduate courses from regionally accredited institutions;
  - (2) home study activities related to professional counseling that have an independently graded test component with no more than one-fourth of the required 40 continuing education hours earned by this method;
- E. whether the activity is at least one hour in length. "One hour" means at least 50 minutes spent as a student in direct participation in a structured educational format. Time for home study activities is based on the developer's research on average time to complete; or
- F. whether the instructors or developers of the activity are qualified by practical or academic experience to teach, lecture, make presentations, or develop activities.

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