GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS (https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43) 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217-3858

SUMMARY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS for 2022

TOTAL HOURS

- 35 Clock hours are required each license renewal cycle
- You may have as many hours of Synchronous learning as you want
- You may only have up to 10 hours of Asynchronous learning
- Best Practice due to audits: Try to completed before June 30 of even years

ETHICS – 5 HOURS MINIMUM

- Cannot be done by Independent Study
- May be in any specialty or allied
- profession

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May Not be done Asynchronously

Additional Ethics hours may be applied to Core or Related Hours

CORE – 15 HOURS MINIMUM (Most Commonly Approved by LPCA and/or NBCC)

- Must be in area in specialty in which you are licensed- PC
 - Core courses must be sponsored or co-sponsored by:
 - 1. Professional Association of specialty in which license is held, or
 - 2. Academic Department of your specialty, or
 - 3. A licensing or certification board in another state or jurisdiction in the specialty.

Additional CORE hours may be applied to Related Hours

RELATED – 15 HOURS MINIMUM

- Must be in area in specialty in which you are licensed- PC, SW, MFT
- Graduate level coursework by an academic department in any specialty listed above, or
- A licensing or certification board in another state or jurisdiction, or Actives sponsored by federal,

state, or local government agencies, public school systems and licensed hospitals.

INDEPENDENT STUDY (CANNOT BE APPLIED TO ETHICS NOR CORE REQUIREMENTS)

A maximum of 5 hours in related hours may be obtained from professional activities, such as:

- Teaching a course
- Presenting a lecture
- Conducting a workshop
- Writing for professional publication
- Conducting professional research

General Information

DEFINITIONS:

Synchronous: Synchronous learning is a general term used to describe forms of education, instruction, and learning that occur at the same time, but not in the same place. The term is most commonly applied to various forms of televisual, digital, and online learning in which students learn from instructors, colleagues, or peers in real time, but not in person. Live, in-person trainings, Live webinars (live-streaming).

Asynchronous: Asynchronous learning is a general term used to describe forms of education, instruction, and learning that do not occur in the same place or at the same time. Pre-recorded, on-demand trainings.

- See Rule 135-9-.01 for the Full Requirements https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43
- Click Tab marked Rules, Law, Policy
- Maintain Documentation (Certificate of Attendance) FOR AT LEAST FOUR (4) YEARS
- Must complete all of the CE requirements for license renewal.
- Your licenses may be audited.
- The Board does not provide courses or approve courses. LPCA does.
- Content Must apply to: Ethics, Core, or Related.
- A course may meet the requirements if it is co-sponsored or approved by a professional association, academic institution or licensed hospitals.
- If you are audited contact the LPCA office for assistance
- NO ETHICS CE Asynchronously (this means no pre-recorded workshops)
- No more than 20 hours of CE shall be from any one course, workshop or presentation.
- No more than 10 hours of CE shall be Asynchronously

EXEMPTIONS:

If you were an LAPC and receive you LPC you are **not exempt**, no matter when you received the LPC. You will need all 35 Clock hours to renew.

If you were initially licensed (first time licensed) after 10/01/21 no CE's are required. BUT YOU MUST STILL RENEW YOUR LICENSE (complete the online form and pay the fee)