

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health

Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

Teaching Continuing Education for LPCs

(LAC 46: LX. 707)

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act (R.S.49:950 et seq.) and through the authority of the Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (R.S. 37:1101 et seq.), the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners proposes to permit Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) to obtain continuing education hours by teaching coursework.

The Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intent to propose changes to Chapter 7, Section 707 for publication in the March 20, 2025, edition of the Louisiana Register.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS REVISED

Part LX. Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

Subpart 1. Licensed Professional Counselors

Chapter 7. Application and Renewal Requirements for Licensed Professional Counselors

§707. Renewal Requirements for Licensed Professional Counselors and Board Approved Supervisors

A. -B.2.i.

j. Teaching a clinical mental health counseling course that is included in one of the 14 approved content areas (§707.C), in an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association. 10 hours of continuing education may be earned for the first time the individual teaches the course, or 5 hours of continuing education may be earned if the individual is teaching the course after the first time.

C.-D.8. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1101-1123.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 41:719 (April 2015); LR 51: .

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of these rules on family has been considered. This proposal to create licensee statuses has no impact on family functioning, stability, or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual, or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.B In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The effect on household income, assets, and financial security;
2. The effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
3. The effect on employment and workforce development;
4. The effect on taxes and tax credits;
5. The effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed change should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
2. The total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
3. The overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jamie S. Doming, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, 11410 Lake Sherwood Avenue North Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 by April 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The estimated implementation costs for the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners are approximately \$900 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*. There are no other estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule changes.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Applicants for license renewal may benefit from the proposed change, which provides an additional mode for obtaining continuing education. Teaching at the graduate level does not require preapproved coursework, and licensees can earn up to ten hours through this method.

The proposed rule changes may result in a minimal decrease in revenue for accredited providers of continuing education coursework or professional associations, as licensees will have an additional option to obtain continuing education hours under the proposed changes.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes may result in increased competition among continuing education providers as there will be more options for preapproved coursework and an additional method for accruing hours. The proposed rule changes are not expected to affect employment.