

## SECTION .0400 - EDUCATION

### 21 NCAC 68 .0401 EDUCATION APPROVAL POLICY

(a) The Board shall approve educational events for professional credentialing. One "approved educational hour" is defined as one contact hour of participation in an organized continuing education experience. Continuing education used to meet the credentialing requirements shall be reviewed and approved according to the rules of this Section. If the sponsor does not obtain approval from the Board, the individual participants shall be responsible for supplying all of the required information for each continuing education session at the time of request for credentialing or re-credentialing. Submission of approval requests shall be received 45 days prior to opening day of the event.

(b) Any applicant for training approval shall submit a training approval request form including:

- (1) title of course, date, location, individual or organization sponsor, and whether it will be held only once or recurring.
- (2) presenter(s) who shall attach a resume outlining expertise in the subject area and content of the session.
- (3) a description of the contents of a track, course, seminar, and the type of credit hours being requested to indicate if it is substance use disorder specific, general skill building, or required training pursuant to other specialized credentials including Criminal Justice Addictions Professionals, Clinical Supervisors, or Prevention Specialists.
- (4) agenda, to include the breakdown of time including a 15 minute break for every two hours of education and amount of time allowed for meals; and
- (5) the sponsor or individual seeking approval shall pay an annual fee as follows:
  - (A) twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for up to 10 hours;
  - (B) fifty dollars (\$50.00) for more than 10 hours and up to 20 hours;
  - (C) seventy five dollars (\$75.00) for more than 20 hours and up to 30 hours;
  - (D) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for more than 30 hours and up to 40 hours;
  - (E) one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) for more than 40 hours.

(c) Training approved by IC&RC and its member boards and organizations granted deemed status shall be accepted with documentation of completion.

(d) In-service training shall meet the same requirements as set out in Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule. However, if persons who are non-employees of the sponsoring and presenting agency are invited to participate, then it is not considered in-service and Board pre-approval shall be required. The presenting agency or organization may contract with outside trainers to present to their employees and this shall be considered in-service training.

(e) Presenters shall be given one hour of credit for every one hour presented. However, if the original presentation is repeated, hours can only be credited for the original presentation.

(f) The Board may revise or rescind credit hours if information is received documenting that a previously approved event was not presented as it was approved.

(g) In accordance with G.S. 90-113.40(a)(6), the Board shall only grant education hours for college courses in the subject areas of human services, counseling, mental health, and addictions. The Board shall grant 15 contact hours of education for each college or university semester credit; the standard 3 credit semester course shall be equal to 45 contact hours of education.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-113.30; 90-113.40;  
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