

GEORGIA LAW & LICENSING BOARD RULES: AN OVERVIEW

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DISCLAIMER

THE LAWS AND RULES WE ARE ABOUT TO REVIEW WERE
NOT CREATED BY ME.

THE PRESENTER IS MERELY PRESENTING THE LAW AND
LICENSING BOARD RULES BY WHICH ALL
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS MUST ABIDE.

WE ARE AWARE THIS INFORMATION CAN BE TEDIOUS, IT
IS ALSO IMPERATIVE THAT IT BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL
SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISEES.

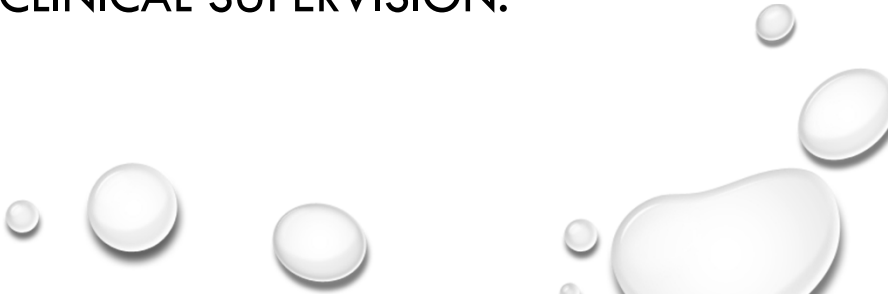
**THE PRESENTER TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PUTTING YOU TO SLEEP.**



Every time
you are able
to find some
humor in a
difficult situation,
you win.



OBJECTIVES

- 1. TO BECOME AWARE OF AND UNDERSTAND THE LAW FROM WHICH THE LICENSURE RULES ARE BASED.
 - 2. TO GAIN COMPETENCE WITH THE RULES AS PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PC, SW, MFT.
 - 3. TO UNDERSTAND AND PRACTICE BY THE ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS FOLLOW REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IN CLINICAL SUPERVISION.
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THE GA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PC, SW, MFT

- HAS TEN MEMBERS – ALL ARE VOLUNTEERS
 - THREE LPCs
 - THREE LMFTs
 - THREE SWs
 - ONE COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE PUBLIC AT LARGE & HAS NO PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION WITH ANY SPECIALTY.
 - ALL ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR



DUTIES OF THE BOARD

- TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS CHAPTER NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CHAPTER.
- TO ISSUE, RENEW, AND REINSTATE THE LICENSES OF DULY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE A SPECIALTY IN THIS STATE.
- TO DENY, SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR OTHERWISE SANCTION LICENSES TO PRACTICE A SPECIALTY IN THIS STATE.
- TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCOVERING VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

[HTTPS://SOS.GA.GOV/INDEX.PHP/LICENSING/PLB/43](https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43)

WHAT CAN I FIND ON THE LICENSING BOARD WEBSITE?

- HOW TO LOOK UP LICENSEES
- APPLICATIONS AND FORMS
- APPLICATION STATUS
- ONLINE COMPLAINT
- BOARD RULES
- THE LAW
- AND FAQs
- [HTTPS://SOS.GA.GOV/INDEX.PHP/LICENSING/PLB/43](https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43)

DUTIES YOU HAVE

- WHAT ARE MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS A LICENSE HOLDER? **LPC AND LAPC**
 1. RENEW YOUR LICENSE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF YOUR LICENSE. **ALL LICENSES EXPIRE EVERY ODD YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 30.**
 2. WHILE THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE MAY BUT NOT ALWAYS SEND COURTESY REMINDERS VIA EMAIL YOU MUST REMEMBER TO RENEW
 3. O.C.G.A. § 43-1-27 REQUIRES **ANY LICENSEE WHO IS CONVICTED OF A FELONY TO NOTIFY THE LICENSING BOARD OF THE CONVICTION WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS** OF THE CONVICTION. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF ANY SUCH CONVICTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF HIS/ HER LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION.
 4. YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 35 CLOCK HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, WITH AT LEAST FIVE (5) HOURS OF ETHICS
- [HTTPS://SOS.GA.GOV/INDEX.PHP/LICENSING/RESPONSIBILITY_OF_A_LICENSE_HOLDER](https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/responsibility_of_a_license_holder)




RULES ARE LOCATED WHERE?

- RULES THAT GUIDE LICENSURE AS A COUNSELOR:
 - [HTTPS://SOS.GA.GOV/INDEX.PHP/LICENSING/PLB/43](https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43)
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CONTINUING EDUCATION

- YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED (BEST PRACTICE AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30)
 - 35 CLOCK HOURS (**KEEP YOUR CERTIFICATES FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS**)
 - **5 ETHICS HOURS**
 - 15 CORE HOURS (APPROVED BY LPCA OR NBCC)
 - 15 RELATED HOURS (EVENTS APPROVED BY GSCSW.ORG, GAMFT.ORG , PSYCHOLOGIST ASSOCIATION)
 - ANY ADDITIONAL ETHIC HOURS CAN BE APPLIES TO CORE
 - ANY ADDITIONAL CORE HOURS CAN BE APPLIED TO RELATED
 - RULE 135-9
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THE FIRST STEP

- THE FIRST STEP IN UNDERSTANDING THE BOARD RULES AND THE LAW IS UNDERSTANDING THE DEFINITIONS OF IMPORTANT WORDS.
- LET'S LOOK AT THEM ONE BY ONE STARTING WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE.

RULES 135-5-.01 (ASSOCIATE)

RULE 135-5-.02 (PC)





**THREE YEARS OF POST-MASTERS DIRECTED EXPERIENCE UNDER SUPERVISION IN A
WORK SETTING ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD ARE REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE.**

8 DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS IN THIS SENTENCE.

DIRECTED EXPERIENCE,
YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE UNDER SUPERVISION,
SUPERVISION,
POST-MASTERS,
DIRECTOR,
DIRECTION,
SUPERVISOR,
AND WORK SETTINGS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.

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- (FROM THE LAW) PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING MEANS THAT SPECIALTY **WHICH UTILIZES COUNSELING TECHNIQUES** BASED ON PRINCIPLES , METHODS, AND PROCEDURES OF COUNSELING THAT ASSIST PEOPLE IN IDENTIFYING AND RESOLVING PERSONAL, SOCIAL, VOCATIONAL, INTRAPERSONAL, AND INTERPERSONAL CONCERNS; **UTILIZES COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY TO EVALUATE, DIAGNOSE, TREAT, AND RECOMMEND A COURSE OF TREATMENT** FOR EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL PROBLEMS AND CONDITIONS, WHETHER COGNITIVE, BEHAVIORAL, OR AFFECTIVE, PROVIDED THAT THE COUNSELOR SHALL HAVE **TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE** WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE; **ADMINISTERS AND INTERPRETS EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER TESTS** WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR IS QUALIFIED TO EMPLOY BY VIRTUE OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE; **UTILIZES INFORMATION, COMMUNITY RESOURCES, AND GOAL SETTING** FOR PERSONAL , SOCIAL, OR VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT; **UTILIZES INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP TECHNIQUES** FOR FACILITATING PROBLEM SOLVING, DECISION MAKING AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE; **UTILIZES FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT AND VOCATIONAL PLANNING AND GUIDANCE** FOR PERSONS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN ADJUSTMENT TO A DISABILITY OR DISABLING CONDITION; **UTILIZES REFERRAL** FOR PERSONS WHO REQUEST COUNSELING SERVICES; PERFORMS SERVICE PLANNING; AND **UTILIZES COUNSELING RESEARCH.**

YOU WILL BE ASKED BY YOUR SUPERVISEE:


- **“WHAT COUNTS AS WORK?”**
- **SEE “SCOPE OF PRACTICE” WHICH IS WRITTEN INTO LAW O.C.G.A.43-10A**
- **PREVIOUS SLIDE AND NEXT SLIDE**



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- **YOU WILL BE ASKED BY YOUR SUPERVISEE: “WHAT COUNTS AS WORK???”**

- **UTILIZES COUNSELING TECHNIQUES**
 - **UTILIZES COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY**
 - **EVALUATE, DIAGNOSE, TREAT, AND RECOMMEND A COURSE OF TREATMENT**
 - **TRAINING (THIS MEANS CE EVENTS) AND EXPERIENCE**
 - **ADMINISTERS AND INTERPRETS EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER TESTS** WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR IS QUALIFIED TO EMPLOY BY VIRTUE OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE;
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 - **UTILIZES REFERRAL**
 - AND **UTILIZES COUNSELING RESEARCH.**
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- 3. DIRECTOR: **DOES NOT NEED TO BE LICENSED**

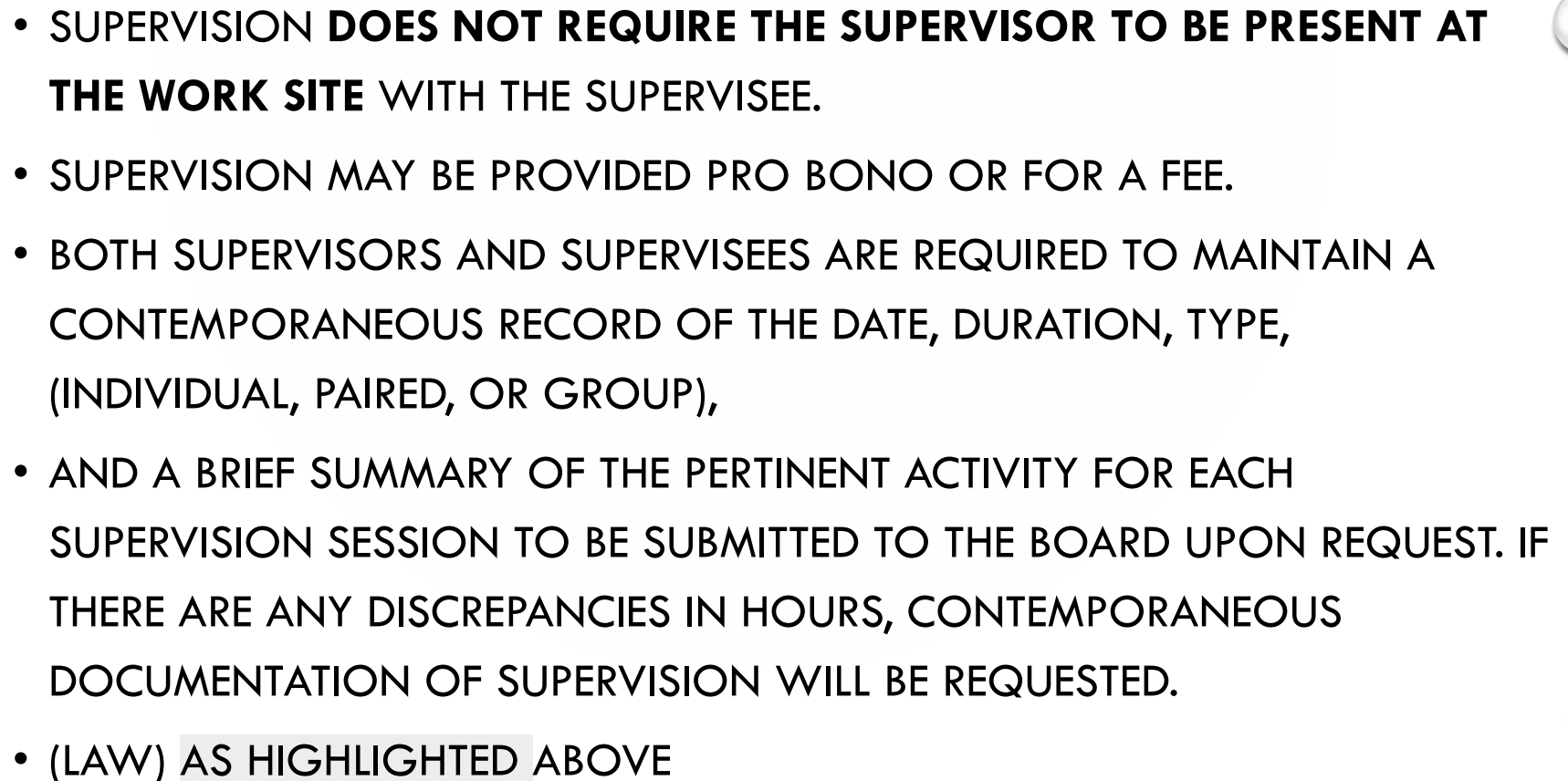
- (RULES) MEANS THE PERSON WHO PROVIDES DIRECTION AND WHO IS EITHER THE EMPLOYER OF THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES DIRECTION OR IS THE SUPERIOR IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIN OF COMMAND TO THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES DIRECTION.
- (LAW) DOESN'T INCLUDE THIS ONE.
- WORK CAN BE VOLUNTEERING IF IT IS STRUCTURED.





- 4. SUPERVISION:

- (RULES) MEANS THE DIRECT CLINICAL REVIEW , FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING OR TEACHING, BY A SUPERVISOR OF A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR'S INTERACTION WITH THEIR CLIENT(S). THE PURPOSE OF SUPERVISION IS TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRACTITIONER'S CLINICAL SKILLS. SUPERVISION MAY INCLUDE, WITHOUT BEING LIMITED TO, THE REVIEW OF CASE PRESENTATIONS, AUDIOTAPES, VIDEOTAPES, AND DIRECT OBSERVATION OF THE PRACTITIONER'S CLINICAL SKILLS.
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- SUPERVISION **DOES NOT REQUIRE THE SUPERVISOR TO BE PRESENT AT THE WORK SITE** WITH THE SUPERVISEE.
 - SUPERVISION MAY BE PROVIDED PRO BONO OR FOR A FEE.
 - BOTH SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISEES ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A CONTEMPORANEOUS RECORD OF THE DATE, DURATION, TYPE, (INDIVIDUAL, PAIRED, OR GROUP),
 - AND A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PERTINENT ACTIVITY FOR EACH SUPERVISION SESSION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD UPON REQUEST. IF THERE ARE ANY DISCREPANCIES IN HOURS, CONTEMPORANEOUS DOCUMENTATION OF SUPERVISION WILL BE REQUESTED.
 - (LAW) AS HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE

- 5. SUPERVISOR:

- (RULES) MEANS A LICENSED PC, SW, MFT PSYCHOLOGIST, OR PSYCHIATRIST WHO COMPLIES WITH THE ETHICAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE OF THEIR PROFESSION WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING PAID TO PROHIBITED DUAL RELATIONSHIPS. IN ADDITION,

- READ RULE 135-5-.02 FOR ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO B A SUPERVISOR.
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HOW LONG IS A YEAR ACCORDING TO THE LICENSING BOARD RULE?

A CLINICAL YEAR IS:

MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS TO A MAXIMUM OF 20 MONTHS

DURING THAT “YEAR”, HOW MANY SUPERVISION HOURS MUST SUPERVISEE HAVE?? 35 CLOCK HOURS.

HOW MANY “YEARS” DOES A SUPERVISEE HAVE TO BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN LPC-CPCS?

SEE RULE 135-5.02 SECTION (b) 3.





YOU, AS A SUPERVISOR MAY HAVE GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL SESSION.

- (i) INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISION MEANS ONE SUPERVISOR MEETING WITH A MAXIMUM OF TWO SUPERVISEES.

- (ii) GROUP SUPERVISION MEANS ONE SUPERVISOR MEETING WITH A MAXIMUM OF SIX SUPERVISEES. **SEE RULE 135-5.02 SECTION (a) 4.**

ABOUT 1/3 OF SUPERVISION SHOULD BE FACE TO FACE



- 6. DIRECTED EXPERIENCE;

- (RULES) MEANS TIME SPENT UNDER DIRECTION ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AS DEFINED IN 135-5-01(a)(1).

- ALSO CALLED THE “SCOPE OF PRACTICE” O.C.G.A. 43-10A


- ALL WORK SITES MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL STRUCTURE RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

- YOUR SUPERVISEE MUST FILL OUT A “CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT” EVERY TIME A DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR/JOB CHANGE.






VOLUNTEER FOR HOURS

- NON-COMPENSATED EXPERIENCES OR SERVICES WILL BE REVIEWED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY IN DEFINING THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP FOR THE PURPOSES OF OBTAINMENT OF THE REQUIRED POST-MASTER'S DIRECTED WORK EXPERIENCE ONLY IF THEY MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS. THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORK SITE AND THE CANDIDATE SHOULD BE AKIN TO EMPLOYMENT.
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HOURS of DIRECTED EXPERIENCE

AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 "ONE YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE"
MEANS A MINIMUM OF **1000 HOURS OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE**
ACQUIRED IN NOT LESS THAN A TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD WHILE
UNDER SUPERVISION.



APPLICANTS MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION SUBSTANTIATING (WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?)

DOCUMENT, DOUCMENT, DOCUMENT...

(a) THE NATURE OF THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIRECTED EXPERIENCE SITE,


(b) THE FORMAL STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND

(a) WHETHER ANY LICENSED OR ASSOCIATE LICENSED INDIVIDUAL WORKS THERE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.



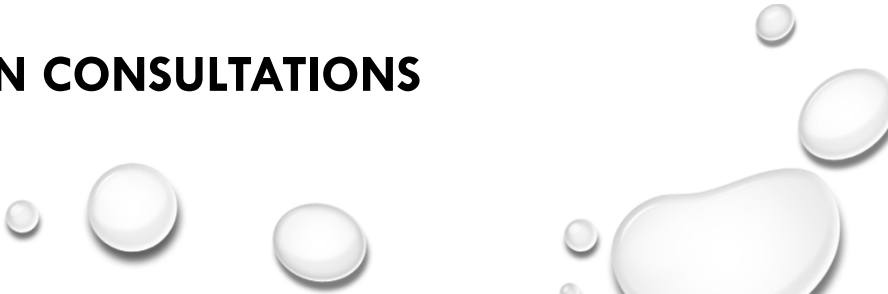



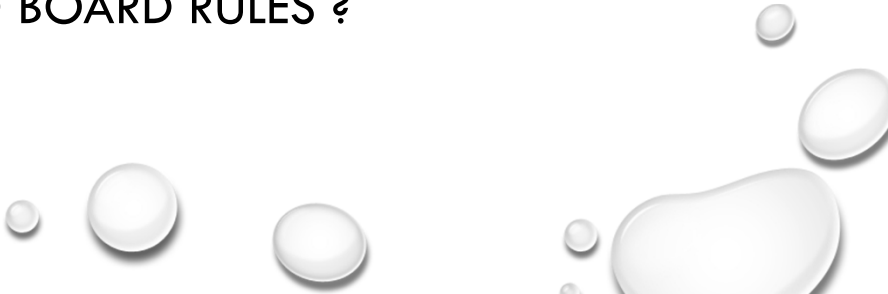
LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

- EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ARE:
 - [HTTPS://SOS.GA.GOV/PLB/ACROBAT/LAWS/41_PROF_COUNSELORS,_SOC._WORKERS_MARRIAGE_AND_FAMILY_THERAPISTS_43-10A.PDF](https://sos.ga.gov/plb/acrobat/laws/41_prof_counselors_soc_workers_marriage_and_family_therapists_43-10a.pdf)
 - THE LICENSING BOARD CAN NOT WAIVE THE LAW.
 - ONLY THE RULES
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RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE FOR APC:

- MAY ONLY USE TITLE OF LAPC
 - MUST LIST ON ALL MARKETING THEY ARE UNDER SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION
 - MUST BE UNDER DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION (**AT THE SAME TIME**)
 - **LPCA OFFERS FREE LICENSE APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS**
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- 1 “YEAR” OF SUPERVISION MEANS A MINIMUM OF 35 HOURS OF SUPERVISION OBTAINED DURING 1 YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE UNDER SUPERVISION.
 - 2 “YEARS” OF SUPERVISION MEANS A MINIMUM OF 70 HOURS OF SUPERVISION
 - 3 “YEARS” OF SUPERVISION MEANS A MINIMUM OF 115 HOURS OF SUPERVISION
 - HOW LONG IS A “YEAR” ACCORDING TO BOARD RULES ?
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EXAMPLE

- TODAY IS 1/1/18. YOU ARE AN APC APPLYING FOR AN LPC LICENSE.
- YOU WERE A MASTER'S- LEVEL APPLICANT AND COMPLETED A 600 HOUR INTERNSHIP WITH SUPERVISION PROVIDED BY A PSYCHIATRIST.
- YOU BEGAN DIRECTED EXPERIENCE AS A STAFF THERAPIST FOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ON 1/1/15 SO YOU HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED THERE EXACTLY 3 YEARS.
- YOU IMMEDIATELY BEGAN SUPERVISION WITH AN ON-SITE SUPERVISOR WHO WAS FULLY LICENSED ON 02/01/13.
- YOU CHANGED YOUR SUPERVISOR ON 3/1/16. THE SUPERVISOR IS ALSO AN LPC WITH AN ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE OF 3/1/12 AND YOU COMPLETED 2 YEARS.
- HAVE YOU MET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE?

ANSWER

- YOU HAVE ACQUIRED ONE YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE IN YOUR INTERNSHIP SUPERVISED BY A PSYCHIATRIST.
- YOUR WORKSITE WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.
- YOUR FIRST SUPERVISOR ON 01/01/15 WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD – NOT FULLY LICENSED FOR 3 YEARS. THIS YEAR WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD LICENSURE.
- YOUR SECOND SUPERVISOR IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD HAVING BEEN FULLY FOR LICENSED 3 YEARS. HOWEVER, YOU BEGAN ON 03/01/16. YOUR SECOND YEAR BEGAN ON 03/01/16 AND RAN THROUGH 02/28/17. IT WILL COUNT TOWARD LICENSURE AS ONE YEAR. YOUR THIRD YEAR BEGAN ON 03/01/2017 AND WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL 02/28/2018.
- YOU WILL PROBABLY BE ASKED TO COMPLETE 1 YEAR AND TWO MONTHS MORE OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE UNDER SUPERVISION.

EXAMPLE


- YOU ARE AN APC APPLYING FOR AN LPC LICENSE.
- YOU GRADUATED AND IMMEDIATELY ACQUIRED A JOB AT SERENITY MENTAL HEALTH.
- YOU BEGAN WORKING ON 01/01/2015. YOU ACQUIRED A SUPERVISOR OUTSIDE OF SERENITY WHOSE ORIGINAL LICENSURE DATE WAS 01/01/11. YOU COMPLETED 30 HOURS OF SUPERVISION ON 12/31/15
- . YOU BECAME PREGNANT AND TOOK OFF FOR MATERNITY LEAVE FROM - 03/01/16 TO 06/01/16 DURING YOUR SECOND YEAR BUT YOU KEPT SEEING YOUR SUPERVISOR. YOU RETURNED TO WORK ON 06/01/16. YOU APPLIED FOR LICENSURE ON 01/01/18. HAVE YOU MET ALL YOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL LICENSURE?

ANSWER

- FROM 01/01/15 TO 12/31/15 YOU COMPLETED ONE YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE WITH APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION.
- FROM 01/01/16 TO 02/28/16 YOU COMPLETED TWO MONTHS TOWARDS YOUR SECOND YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE UNDER SUPERVISION. BUT YOU WERE NOT WORKING FROM 03/01/16 TO 06/01/16. SO YOUR SECOND YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE WILL NOT END UNTIL 04/01/17.
- YOUR THIRD YEAR OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE WILL BE FROM 04/01/17 TO 03/30/18. AS IT IS ONLY JANUARY OF 2018, YOU WILL NEED TO CONTINUE YOUR DIRECTED EXPERIENCE UNDER SUPERVISION UNTIL 04/01/18 BEFORE APPLYING FOR FULL LICENSURE.



EXAMPLE

- TODAY IS 01/01/18. YOU BEGAN WORKING AT LIGHTHOUSE ON 01/01/15 AND WERE SUPERVISED FOR THREE YEARS BY A PSYCHOLOGIST AT THE FACILITY.
 - YOU APPLIED FOR LICENSURE TODAY. IS IT LIKELY YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED?
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ANSWER

NO, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF SUPERVISION FROM AN LPC WHO IS ALSO CERTIFIED

- . YOU WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE TWO MORE YEARS OF DIRECTED EXPERIENCE.
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APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURES

License Type	Degree	Education	Supervision & Experience	Restrictions
APC	MASTER'S DEGREE	Master's Degree in a program primarily counseling in content or a program of applied psychology which includes an internship of at least 600 hours as part of the degree program, from an institution which, at the time the degree was awarded, was accredited by a regional body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. Applicant must document graduate level coursework from the institution in order to demonstrate that the degree program is primarily counseling in content or applied psychology.	Applicant shall register with the Board an acceptable contract, for obtaining the post-master's experience required for licensure as LPC. Applicant is responsible for notifying Board of any changes in contract within 14 days.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May only use APC as title. 2. May engage in practice <u>only</u> under supervision and direction AND not to exceed 5 years. 3. Cannot receive money directly from a patient.

License Type	Degree	Education	Supervision & Experience	Restrictions
LPC	Master's Degree	Applicant must have earned a Master's Degree from an accredited institution recognized by CACREP. Must have documentation of graduate level coursework to demonstrate program was primarily counseling in content or applied psychology. Must take all required courses.	Applicant must have 4 years of post-master's directed experience under supervision OR 3 years of post-master's directed experience under supervision AND a supervised practicum/internship of at least 600 hours which was part of the degree program.	At least 2 years of supervision must be provided by a supervisor who is an LPC who has been licensed at least 3 years prior to starting supervision.
	Specialist's Degree		2 years post-master's experience	1 year with LPC
	Doctoral Degree		1 year post-master's experience	6 months with LPC

REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL CPCS CERTIFICATION


State Requirements	Licensed in GA as LPC for 3 years minimum Licensed in GA as LPC for 2 yrs (with Specialist Degree) Licensed in GA as LPC for 1 yr (with Doctorate)
Proof of Training	24 LPCA or NBCC approved CE workshops. Must provide proof of required segments: at least 6 hours foundation, at least 6 hours methods, at least 6 hours legal & ethical, & at least 6 hours specialty/advanced courses.
	Only 1/3 of training can be online. No Home study course
	Must have been completed in last 5 years.
Other	All workshops must be about clinical counseling supervision, have objectives listed on the certificate, no certificate can count for more than 20 hours; Ethics must be done in-person and cover supervision ethics, not general ethics.

RECERTIFICATION FOR CPCS CREDENTIAL

Requirements	12 hours of Continuing Education in Supervision
	With Ethics at least 3 hours, Best Practices in supervision
OR	6 CEs and Presented at least 6 hours of CE workshops in supervision



REVIEW OF QUIZ

1. Once you completed this, you will move to the Exam section
 2. Once you have completed and passed the Exam section you will move on to the evaluation.
 3. The system will automatically email to you the CE Certificate.
 4. Questions? Email Admin@LPCAGA.org
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