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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 255 Department or Agency: AL Board of Examiners in Counseling  
Rule No. 255-X-2-.18  
Rule Title: Relevant Professional and Continuing Education Experience

New  Amended  Repeal  Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes



Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.



Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Florence Hemphill  
Florence Hemphill

Date 5/11/16

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ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

RULE NO. & TITLE: 255-X-2-.18 Relevant Professional and Continuing Educational Experience

INTENDED ACTION:

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling proposes to amend this rule to specify that academic course work may not be used by an ALC to meet supervised experience requirements and also used for continuing education credit for licensure renewal.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

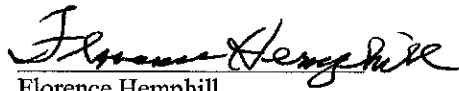
This rule would not allow academic course work to be used for both licensure renewal and as a substitute for required supervised experience.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling at any time during the 38-day period following the 31st day of May, 2016, or if requested in advance, by personally appearing at Room 765, Medical Forum Building, 950 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North, Birmingham, AL at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 8, 2016.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

July 8, 2016

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**255-X-2-.18 Relevant Professional and Continuing Educational Experience.** A professional program, seminar, workshop, or formal graduate course work in a regionally accredited institution, consisting of at least one (1) contact hour focused on increasing knowledge and use of skills in the private practice of counseling in one or more of the following areas: counseling theory and practice, human growth and development, social and multicultural foundations, helping relationships, group dynamics, lifestyle and career development, appraisal of individuals, research and evaluation, or professional orientation. Formal graduate course work utilized as continuing education for licensure renewal cannot also be utilized as a substitute for supervised experience required to become a Licensed Professional Counselor. Formal graduate course work used as a substitution for supervised experience to become a Licensed Professional Counselor cannot also be utilized as continuing education for licensure renewal.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-5

**History: New Rule:** September 7, 2010