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**Hearing Location(s)** (for additional locations, copy and paste table)

Address 1:	Metro Center
Address 2:	665 Mainstream Drive, Poplar Conference Room
City:	Nashville
Zip:	37228
Hearing Date :	10/5/18
Hearing Time:	9:00 a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CST/CDT <input type="checkbox"/> EST/EDT

**Additional Hearing Information:**

**Revision Type (check all that apply):**

- Amendment  
 New  
 Repeal

**Rule(s)** (ALL chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed. If needed, copy and paste additional tables to accommodate more than one chapter. Please enter only **ONE** Rule Number/Rule Title per row.)

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1200-30-01	Rules Governing Licensure of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
Rule Number	Rule Title
1200-30-01-.12	Continuing Education
1200-30-01-.13	Professional Ethics

Place substance of rules and other info here. Statutory authority must be given for each rule change. For information on formatting rules go to

[http://sos-tn-gov-files.s3.amazonaws.com/forms/Rulemaking%20Guidelines\\_September2016.pdf](http://sos-tn-gov-files.s3.amazonaws.com/forms/Rulemaking%20Guidelines_September2016.pdf).

Chapter 1200-30-01  
Rules Governing Licensure of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors

Amendments

Rule 1200-30-01-.12 Continuing Education is amended by deleting the introductory paragraph and subparagraph (1) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, and is further amended by adding new subparagraph (5)(d), so that as amended, the new introductory paragraph and subparagraph shall read:

Level I Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors and Level II Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors must complete thirty (30) contact hours of alcohol and drug abuse continuing education every two (2) calendar years. Eighteen (18) hours must be face to face and twelve (12) hours may be via multi-media with at least six (6) of the thirty (30) hours relating to ethics. A Qualified Clinical Supervisor (QCS) must complete a minimum of ten (10) additional contact hours of training every two (2) years, in addition to the normal thirty (30) contact hours necessary to maintain licensure. Such additional contact hours must be specific to alcohol and drug clinical supervision. Six (6) hours of the ten (10) additional total hours of continuing education must be specific to clinical supervision ethics. Beginning January 1, 2020, Level I, Level II Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, and Qualified Clinical Supervisors (QCS) must complete a Board approved training program provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services relative to suicide prevention at least once every five (5) years.

- (1) Continuing education for new licensees - For new licensees, submitting proof of successful completion of all education and training requirements required for licensure in Tennessee, pursuant to subparagraphs 1200-30-01-.04 (1) (c) and 1200-30-01-.05 (1) (a), shall be considered proof of sufficient preparatory education to constitute continuing education credit for the calendar year in which such education and training requirements were completed. An applicant applying for initial licensure on or after January 1, 2020 is not required to complete a training program on suicide prevention for two (2) years after the date of initial licensure if the applicant can demonstrate successful completion of a two (2) hour academic training program that meets criteria established by the Board and that was completed no more than two (2) years prior to the application for initial licensure.
- (5) (d) Voluntary Provision of Healthcare Services.
  1. Level I, Level II Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, and Qualified Clinical Supervisors (QCS) may satisfy one (1) hour of continuing education requirement through the performance of one (1) hour of voluntary provision of healthcare services.
  2. The maximum amount of annual hours of continuing education that a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor or clinical supervisor may receive by performing voluntary healthcare services is three (3) hours.
  3. Documentation of such voluntary healthcare services must include an official letter on official institution, facility, clinic, or non-profit letterhead verifying that the voluntary healthcare services were completed and listing the number of hours of attendance completed by the individual.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-1-125, 63-6-712, 68-24-602 and 68-24-606.

Rule 1200-30-01-.13 Professional Ethics is amended by deleting paragraph (1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraph shall read:

- (1) Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors and individuals under their supervision shall conduct their professional practice in conformity with the NAADAC Code of Ethics, adopted October 9, 2016, and these rules.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-217, 68-24-602 through 68-24-606.

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

Date: June 13, 2018

Signature: Caroline R. Tippens

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