

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS, AND CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS**

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING APPROVED SUICIDE PREVENTION COURSES

The Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists (“The Board”) adopts the following statement as clarification on the acceptable continuing education courses required pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-1-125:

Suicide prevention continuing education (CE) must be provided by:

- (1) An approved professional association; or
- (2) A course approved by a counseling related credentialing association; or
- (3) Any other board-approved CE course concerning suicide prevention.

Reason for Policy Statement: T.C.A. § 63-1-125 required the Board to review and approve acceptable suicide prevention training. The Board, at this time, believes all courses provided through approved providers will allow licensees to choose the appropriate course for the individual licensee’s practice type.

HISTORY: This Policy Statement was adopted by the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists on the 7th of September, 2018. Amended on the 6th of December, 2019.