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Clinical Resident (CR) status has been withdrawn:

During its July 16-17, 2015 meeting, the Counselor Professional Standards Committee voted to discontinue, effective immediately, the issuance of the Clinical Resident (CR) status for Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) earning hours toward a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) license.

LPCs with a current CR status may continue to use the CR as part of their license until the CR expires, at which time, it will not be extended. Those with a current CR may elect to discontinue using the CR status, which will have no effect on the hours eligible for the LPCC, provided they continue to receive supervision and document the hours on the Clinical Field Evaluation and Verification of Supervised Experience Form.

The decision to discontinue the CR is in addition to other important changes. First, LPCs earning hours toward an LPCC are not required to notify the Board regarding their selection of supervisor. Nor, will LPCCs with a Supervisor designation be limited in the number of supervisees with whom they can work. These changes should reduce the burden on licensees and staff in completing paperwork, while ensuring student interns, Trainees, and LPCs can access the supervision they need.

Please note, under the rules, licensees are required to submit to the Board a complete Clinical Field Evaluation and Verification of Supervised Experience Form within 30 days of completing the first 1500 supervised hours. LPCs should not wait until all 3000 supervised hours are earned before submitting the form. Additionally, licensees earning hours for an LPCC should review the laws and rules to ensure all hours earned can be applied toward their LPCC.

References to the CR will continue in the rules, on the web site, and on forms until we have an opportunity to complete all changes. Information regarding LPC and LPCC licensure can be found at <http://cswmft.ohio.gov/Counselors.aspx>. Questions regarding these changes may be directed to Brian Carnahan via telephone at 614.752.5161 or by e-mail at brian.carnahan@cswb.ohio.gov.



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Clinical Resident Elimination Announcement – Frequently Asked Questions (7-22-15)

- 1. I have never turned in a Field Evaluation because I am waiting to turn in 3000 hours. Should I turn in a form now?** The answer depends upon how many hours you have left before reaching 3000, as well as your current situation regarding supervision. If you recently passed the 1500 hour mark, we would suggest sending in a Clinical Field Evaluation & Verification of Supervised Experience Form. You may also wish to send in a form if your supervisor has recently changed or will soon change. In our announcement, we were restating what is already a requirement in the rules. LPCs who have not submitted a Field Evaluation will not be penalized for not sending in a Field Evaluation after completing the first 1500 hours. The requirement exists, and was restated, as a protection for licensees to ensure that their progress toward an LPCC is not hampered by a loss of hours over the two-year period. By documenting the first 1500 hours, any changes in year two or later can be minimized.
- 2. Can I continue to use CR as part of my title?** Yes. Any LPC-CR can continue to use that title until the CR status expires.
- 3. Does my supervisor have to be registered with the Board?** No.
- 4. Do I have to tell the Board which LPCs I am currently supervising?** No.
- 5. Can I now provide training supervision to more than six LPCs earning hours toward their LPCC licenses?** Yes. Supervisors are encouraged to exercise caution regarding how many persons they supervise.
- 6. How do the changes announced affect the Counseling Trainee designation?** The only change that impacts CTs is that LPCC-Ss will not be limited in the rules regarding how many supervisees they may have.
- 7. Does this announcement effect triadic or group supervision?** No.
- 8. Does the elimination of the CR change anything with regard to earning an LPCC-S?** No changes are currently proposed regarding earning the LPCC-S.