



SCCA Continuing Education (CE) Questions: LPC, NCC, Career Specialist/CDF, Teacher Certification, and Play Therapy

Many counselors have questions about the *Continuing Education* (CE) process. Many of these questions may be answered in this document and if not please contact the Professional Development Chairperson with specific questions.

Continuing Education (CE) is provided by the South Carolina Counselor Association (SCCA). SCCA is recognized by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) and the SC Board of Counselors (LPC), Therapists (MFT) and Psycho-Educational Specialists (PES) to offer Continuing Education and abides by the NBCC Guidelines. The **Contact Hour Credits** from the annual conference can be used for renewal for: LPCs, MFTs, and PESs (**Provider # SPN.69**) and for National Certified Counselors, National Certified School Counselors, other NCC specialty areas certificates (**NBCC ACEP Permanent Provider # 2041**), Teacher Re-Certification, and Career Specialists/ Career Development Facilitators (GCDF) if the workshop objectives comply with The Center for Credentialing and Education **GCDF Competency Areas**. *The SCCA Conference adheres to South Carolina State Department of Education Teacher Certification Renewal Guidelines* (www.scteachers.org).



Can I use the Conference Contact Hour Credits to satisfy my requirement for SC Teacher Certification Renewal? Each certified School Counselor employed in SC is required to develop a *Professional Development Plan*. Some school districts may require pre-approval to choose options **#6 or #10** from the Revised SC State Department of Education Certificate Renewal Matrix. School Counselors **may** be able to include *Contact Hour Credits* at professional trainings such as the SCCA Conference and other co-sponsored conferences/events in the 120 credit hours needed during the five year renewal cycle. In making plans to use the *SCCA Conference Contact Hour Credits* the School Counselor must apply the following *criteria: relates to the counselor's Professional Development plan, relates to area of certification, relates to the district goals and has professional relevance to the educational setting. Most Professional Development Plans must be pre-approved and reviewed by the school district Certification Coordinator. (*For more detailed information note the Certification website and other contact information listed at the end of this document.)

What can be counted for Contact Hour Credits? Participation during a learning experience such as conference workshop sessions earns *Contact Hour Credits*. Breaks, lunches, committee, or administrative meetings can NOT earn *Contact Hour Credits*.

How does SCCA provide Continuing Education? SCCA is a Permanent Provider for the National Board of Certified Counselors (**NBCC Provider # 2041**) and the SC Board of Counselors, Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists (**Provider #SPN.069**) so continuing education credits are able to be granted for the annual conference participants and other co-sponsored educational events.

Can I use the SCCA Conference Contact Hour Credits to satisfy my license and/or certification renewal requirement for LPC, NCC, NCSC, MFT, etc? Yes, the contact hour credits qualify for these licenses and/or certificates.

If I have another license and/or certification can the Conference Contact Hour Credits be used? Other professional groups, licensing boards, and/or certification bodies **may not** grant pre-approval of training activities, but they **may** accept the training in accordance with their procedures and the nature of the training. Psychologists, Nurses, Social Workers, GCDF, etc. may wish to submit the conference/workshop objectives and the **Verification of Attendance Certificate** for consideration.

Can I use the SCCA Conference Contact Hour Credits to satisfy my certification as a Career Specialist/ Career Development Facilitator (GCDF)? **Yes**, if the workshop objectives comply with the **GCDF Competency Areas** located on The Center for Credentialing and Education website (www.cce-global.org). The conference program booklet contains the workshop summaries and content areas if qualifying for Career Specialists.

Verification of Attendance Certificates (One Contact Hour Credit) are awarded for the SCCA Business Meeting. Many schools district **may** give **Contact Hour Credit** for participation in *professional association meetings* for **SC Teacher Re-Certification** as does **NBCC**.

Will SCSCA or associations awarding continuing education from SCCA send the Verification of Attendance Certificate to the National Board of Certified Counselors, the SC Board of LPCs, MFTs, and PESs, The Center for Credentialing Education, and/ or the SC Teacher Certification Office? **No**, it is the responsibility of the conference participants to obtain the *Verification of Attendance Certificate* from the conference program booklet and maintain it for their records. *Separate supervision and play therapy workshop Verification of Attendance Certificates* are awarded by the presenter or workshop monitor though the preconference and breakout workshops are included on the general SCCA VOAC.



Play Therapy Continuing Education: The SC Association for Play Therapy (APT Provider Number 99-061) is co-sponsoring content sessions during this conference. SCAPT is approved by the Association of Play Therapy to offer Continuing Education specific to Play Therapy. SCAPT maintains the responsibility for the qualifying workshop programs. Participants receive separate Verification of Attendance Certificates awarded by SCAPT (www.sca4pt.com) after attending the qualifying workshops.

What about LPC license and/or NCC audits? The NBCC and SC Board of Examiners for LPCs, MFTs, and PESs conduct random annual audits at which time the audited LPC and/or NCC shall provide completed *Continuing Education* documentation and/or certificates to the board.

National Certificated Counselors can receive further information by contacting the **National Board of Certified Counselors** (www.nbcc.org).

Global Career Development Facilitators can contact **The Center for Credentialing and Education** (www.cce-global.org) which is a corporate affiliate of NBCC® for more information.

For additional information for **LPCs, MFTs or PESs**, please call the **SC Board of Examiners** at 803-896-4658 (FAX: 803-896-4719) or log onto the website <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Counselor>

For more information about the Revised **Teacher Certification** Renewal Plan contact the Certification Office at 803-734-8466 between the hours of 1:00-4:00 PM (Monday-Friday) or the certification website: www.scteachers.org.

For specific Continuing Education questions you can contact the SCCA-SCSCA Professional Development Chairperson, Norma Kimrey Colwell, Ed.S. (Email: daniel_colwell@bellsouth.net or phone: 1-803-691-5949).