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Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling					
Refer for Group Consideration					
I. General Information				ID#: 10541	
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	Subsections of this rule are required under A.C.A 25-15-203 and others expand upon statutory definitions used by the Board.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10541/Final/I. General Information.pdf				
II. Exemptions				ID#: 10542	
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	Rule further clarifies exemptions from license listed in A.C.A. 17-27-103.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10542/Final/II. Exemptions.pdf				
III. Licensing Qualifications				ID#: 10543	
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	Sections of Rule III outline the qualifications required for each individual license. Section 3.5 creates dual licenses once Marriage and Family Therapists were added under the Board's authority. Section 3.6 creates specializations within individual license. Section 3.7 lists AR Board requirements and National level requirements regarding graduate course work for license.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10543/Final/III. Licensing Qualifications.pdf				
IV. Supervision				ID#: 10546	
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	This rule describes the AR Board requirements as well as the National requirements regarding the specialization of supervisor license. The rule further lays out the ethical obligations of a licensed supervisor in a supervisory role. The rule further promotes the objective of the Board to protect the health and welfare of the public by ensuring the professional capability of a junior member through the oversight of a senior member of the profession.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10546/Final/IV. Supervision.pdf				

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IX. Licensing Under Special Circumstances					
				ID#: 10607	
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	This rule provides a much needed avenue that can provide portability into the state for an individual who holds a license to practice from another state. The current board is revising this rule currently and while the term "reciprocity" is in use today, the board is changing the terminology to "License by Endorsement". This rule provides an allowance for an out of state license that is active, current, with no disciplinary action, to transfer to AR with only a few stipulations. The board will further clarify the portability steps in the rules to allow for an avenue of transfer for military (spouses), and out of state licensees.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10607/Final/IX. Licensing Under Special Conditions.pdf				
V. Application Requirements					
					ID#: 10597
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	The application requirements are necessary to provide the board and the applicant with the needed education, references, examinations, and forms to obtain an AR license. All of the procedures and processes are explained to enable a timely transition from application to licensure for new graduates and for candidates who are moving into AR with another state license.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10597/Final/V. Application Requirements.pdf				
VI. Examinations					
					ID#: 10599
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	Each of the licenses have separate national examinations that are required for license. The exams have separate instructions, time frames, and fees that are the responsibility of the candidate. The board is currently working on an AR Jurisprudence Exam that will reduce the amount of time needed to complete an oral interview and will ensure that candidates are familiar with AR Law and Ethics. The is particularly important for out of state candidates wanting to practice in AR as each state has different rules around privilege communication, mandated reporter laws, duty to warn, record keeping, and other practice specific issues.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10599/Final/VI. Examinations.pdf				
VII. License Renewal					
					ID#: 10601
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)				
Requirement Statement:	(none)				
Enforce:	All AR licenses have a renewal process described in this section that includes the time frame for renewal of a license, the forms needed for renewal, fees, and the continuing education hours required for renewing a license. Completing the requirements for renewal of the license enables the licensee to practice another two years with a current and valid license. Failure to renew the license at the due date results in an expired license to practice in AR. This rule provides information concerning the importance of maintaining an active license to practice or to convert the practice status to non-practicing status due to extenuating circumstances such as deployment, illness, birth of a child, etc.				
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10601/Final/VII. License Renewal.pdf				

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VIII. Discipline				ID#: 10605
Statutory Authority: A.C.A 17-27-203	01/05/1981	01/15/1981	01/05/1981	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: (none)				
Requirement Statement: (none)				
Enforce: This rule provides the procedures and processes for disciplining a licensee who has violated the Code of Ethics, or the AR Statute that regulates the title and practice of AR licensed counselors and AR licensed marriage & family therapists. The rule provides the process for handling complaints, hearings, and the types of action that can be taken by the board on the license. The requirements for reporting violations to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).				
Subject Matter Committee: Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10605/Final/VIII_Discipline.pdf				
X. Ethics				ID#: 10611
Statutory Authority: A.C.A 17-27-203	09/04/2003	12/14/2003	12/04/2003	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: (none)				
Requirement Statement: (none)				
Enforce: This rule informs licensees of the current National and Professional rules of ethics adopted by the Board.				
Subject Matter Committee: Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10611/Final/X_Ethics.pdf				
XI. Counselor/Psychotherapist and Marriage & Family Therapist - Client Communications & Medical Records				ID#: 10614
Statutory Authority: A.C.A 17-27-203	09/04/2003	12/14/2003	12/04/2003	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: (none)				
Requirement Statement: (none)				
Enforce: This rule clarifies the privilege law for licensees including reference to AR Rules of Evidence regarding privileged communications and medical records.				
Subject Matter Committee: Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10614/Final/XI_Counselor_Psychotherapist_and_Marriage_&_Family_Therapist_-_Client_Communications_and_Medical_Records.pdf				
XII. The Practice of Internet or Telephone Services				ID#: 10617
Statutory Authority: A.C.A 17-27-203	05/25/2006	09/18/2006	09/08/2006	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: (none)				
Requirement Statement: (none)				
Enforce: This rule was created to regulate the practice and use of technology in counseling as well as the requirements for obtaining the specialization related to the use of technology assisted modalities in counseling.				
Subject Matter Committee: Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10617/Final/XII_Practice_of_Internet_or_Telephone_Services.pdf				

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	Promulgated Date	Effective Date	Filed w/ SOS Date	Last Revision Date
XIII. Fees				ID#: 10619
Statutory Authority: A.C.A 17-27-203	06/28/2011	11/07/2011	10/27/2011	07/22/2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: (none)				
Requirement Statement: (none)				
Enforce: This rule provides the fee schedule for initial licensing and for renewal of licenses as provided for by A.C.A 17-27-310.				
Subject Matter Committee: Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees				
Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/50/Rules/10619/Final/XIII.Fees.pdf				