

JURISPRUDENCE EXAM SAMPLE

Our vision for this exam is that it will not only test how well the applicants for the CPCS credential can read and regurgitate the Composite Board rules but also how well they comprehend them through application to real-life situations. All items requiring the application of a Composite Board rule are based on actual experiences. This exam will require at the very least a knowledge of the Composite Board rules and how to access the rules using the Composite Board website (www.sos.ga.gov/plb/counselors). .

- I. The test bank for questions contains 30 to 75 items. Some items will be included on all the exams as we consider the information in those items to be of great importance for clinical supervisors to know and understand.
- II. One-third of the items will come from the GA Composite Board Rules in 135-5.01 (Associate) and .02 “Licensure Requirements” as this seemed to be the area in which most LPC applicants struggled the most to understand and which many clinical supervisors were also challenged to correctly advise their supervisees.
- III. The other two-thirds of the items will come from Board Rules 135- 9, 7, 11 Codes of Ethics, Continuing Education, and TeleMental Health but with no more than five (5) items from the remaining Board Rules.
- IV. Some items will be included on all the exams as we consider the information in those items to be of great importance for clinical supervisors to know and understand.

The following are test-taking procedures that we would like to incorporate:

- V. Each of the three exams will have 30-35 items/questions drawn directly from the Composite Board rules.
- VI. As passing score of 75% would be needed to pass the exam. That score would come from the applicant accurately responding to three quarters (3/4) of the items.
- VII. Applicants may take the exam as many times as needed; however, they most likely will not get the same exam twice in a row. The purpose for this is to reduce the likelihood of cheating or the sharing of test answers.
- VIII. If the applicant chooses an incorrect answer, the specific Composite Board rule that applies would be revealed with a link to the rule section and the applicant can then read the Board rule to understand the correct answer. Our thought was that if there is an incorrect answer, the applicants will know where to look to find the correct response and then read the rule for future knowledge.

One concern is the interchangeable use of the terms cycles and years as this remains a frequent source of confusion for APC/LPC applicants and for clinical supervisors. The term “year” can be quite misleading as a year for the licensure requirements can as few as 12 months or as many as 20 months (more than a year). If possible, the committee suggests that the Board rules reflect the use of the term “cycles” to avoid further confusion.

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1. **"The Practice of Professional Counseling" in Georgia means which of the following:**
 - a. Work carried out by trained personnel with the aim of alleviating the conditions of those in need of help or welfare.
 - b. The scientific study of the human mind and its functions, especially those affecting behavior in a given context.
 - c. Therapists who treat a wide range of serious clinical problems including: depression, marital problems, anxiety, individual psychological problems, and child-parent problems.
 - d. ***Use of counseling to evaluate and treat emotional and mental conditions whether cognitive, behavioral, or affective. (the Law O.C.G.A. 43-10A)***
https://sos.ga.gov/plb/acrobat/Laws/41_Prof_Counselors,_Soc._Workers_Marriage_And_Family_Therapists_43-10A.pdf

2. **"Supervision" means which of the following:**
 - a. ***The direct clinical review, for the purpose of training or teaching, by a supervisor of a Professional Counselor's interaction with their client(s). 135-5-.02(a)4***
 - b. A holistic perspective to health care.
 - c. Aiding and guiding of a student in their research; offering both moral support and scientific insight and guidance.
 - d. A formal and disciplined working alliance that is between a more experienced and a less experienced worker, in which the supervisee's clinical work is reviewed and reflected upon.

One cycle "one Year" of directed work experience includes how many hours of directed experience acquired within a period of not less than twelve months and not more than twenty months?

- a. 300 hours
 - b. **1000 hours 135-5-.02(a)7(v)**
 - c. 900 hours
 - d. 6000 hours
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4. **To accrue directed work experience hours for an LPC license, the agency for which the clinician is working:**
 - a. Must include a formal structure related to the practice of professional counseling.
 - b. Should have measurable, detailed documentation for every candidate.
 - c. Must include a job description, office hours, performance review procedures, and dismissal policies.
 - d. **All of the above. 135-5-.02(a)6(i) and Contract Affidavit**

 5. **After September 30, 2018 and currently, "One year (cycle) of Supervision" means a minimum of _____ (hours of supervision obtained during one twelve (12) to twenty (20) month period concurrent with directed work experience.**
 - a. 30 hours
 - b. 25 hours
 - c. 50 hours
 - d. **35 hours 135-5-.02(a)8(v)**

 6. **How many total hours of Supervision (SPV) must be obtained to apply for the LPC?**
 - a. **35 hours**
 - b. **95 hours**
 - c. **70 hours**
 - d. **105 hours 135-5-.02(a)8(v)**

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7. A licensee's (clinician's) primary responsibility is:
- To the welfare and best interests of the client*
 - To manage the insurance companies ethically
 - To obtain proper clinical supervision
 - To keep client records in a secure location.
8. Which of the following codes of ethics are specific to the practice of clinical supervisors in Georgia?
- CPCS Code of Ethics (view the CPCS requirements on the website)*
 - AMHCA Code of Ethics
 - APA Code of Ethics
 - ACA Code of Ethics
9. Beverly – an LPC in a large private practice – is asked by the company owner “**Beverly's Employer**” to see the owner's daughter-in-law, Clara, for mental health services. Beverly agrees to work with Clara only after confirming with the owner that she (owner) would have no access to the session notes on Clara and that she (owner) would not ask the therapist any questions about the sessions. Could Beverly's acceptance of this client be an instance of unprofessional conduct by Beverly that could potentially harm the client?
- No, Beverly has covered her ethical responsibilities to the client.
 - Yes, the owner could still have access to the notes – which would violate Clara's right to confidentiality and the owner could potentially try to influence the course of therapy based on what she (owner) thought about the content of the sessions.
 - No, Beverly has no doubt that she can refuse to speak with the “**her employer**”/owner about anything to do with Clara and/or Clara's sessions.
 - Yes, Beverly's therapeutic relationship with Clara could potentially create problems with her (Beverly's) relationship with “**her employer**”/the owner as a dual relationship.
 - Both b and d are correct.*
10. Chad is an LPC who works a demanding job at a large agency. The agency does not allow access to its Electronic Medical Record (EMR) from outside the center. Chad has to complete several discharge summaries by tomorrow but cannot stay at the office. He prints off several notes and puts in his briefcase for reference to take home and completes drafts of the discharge summaries on his home computer, saving them to a USB stick to cut and paste in the morning. Chad is:
- Behaving ethically because he is not sharing information with anyone.
 - Behaving ethically because he is not saving files to his home computer but just to the USB stick.
 - Behaving ethically because he has deleted all copies of the drafts from his personal computer.
 - Behaving unethically because he has failed to store client records in a way that maintains confidentiality in a secure location. Rule 135-7*
11. Samantha, LPC, CPCS is providing clinical supervision to Irhaa, LAPC, who is an immigrant from Pakistan. Samantha suggests to Irhaa that she might consider working under a more Western sounding name. Irhaa's goal is to target Muslim women in abusive relationships. What is the best reason for what is wrong with Samantha's advice? Would this be considered unethical?
- No as people with more Western names can be shown to get more clients
 - No, Samantha does not know her supervisee's plans and goals which shows she is not engaging Irhaa.
 - Yes, Samantha is maybe lacking diversity training
 - Yes, Samantha is well meaning but engaged in unconscious ethnic stereotyping and bias.*

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12. *Synchronous activities require participants and instructors to do which of the following?*
- Access a previously held program at anytime
 - Engage in independent study
 - Write papers or books
 - Allow participants to ask questions instantly and teachers to answer questions instantly*
13. **How many continuing education hours must be obtained in a two-year licensure renewal cycle?**
- 45
 - 40
 - 35 *Rule 135-9(a) 2***
 - 30
14. **After completion of the five ethics hours which is true of the remaining 30 hours?**
- A minimum of 20 must be core hours
 - A minimum of 10 must be related hours
 - A minimum of 15 must be core hours Rule 135-9(a) 2(c)***
 - A maximum of 15 must be core hours
15. **What is the CE Cycle, from what date to what-to- date can the CEs be used for license renewal?**
- January 1 of the year to December end of year
 - Depends when you received the license.
 - October 1, Even Year to September 30, next even year Rule 135-9(a) 2***
 - October 1 to September 30 every year
16. **Training for a TeleMental health clinical supervisor includes having taken the necessary _____ hours of continuing education _____ the delivery of telemental health supervisory services.**
- Nine (9); prior to Rule 135-11(b)1 and 135-11(b) 2(i)***
 - Six (6); prior to
 - Twelve (12) within six months of
 - Six (6); within one year of
17. **Kerri is a new APC who recently started seeing clients. She sometimes holds her client sessions by video-conferencing because she has children and they are often at home with her. She did have her clients sign a release that they agreed to hold their sessions via video-conferencing. Which of the following best addresses the actions Kerri's clinical supervisor should take relevant to this situation?**
- Kerri's supervisor does not need to do anything as there are no ethical or legal issues involved.
 - Kerri's supervisor should review with Kerri all ethical and legal requirements of TeleMental health delivery,
 - Kerri's supervisor should ensure that Kerri has a secure location from which she can provide the TMH services
 - Kerri's supervisor should review the ethical and legal requirements of TeleMental health delivery, ensure that Kerri has a secure location from which she can provide the TeleMental health services (free from accidental access by her children), and establish that Kerri has a responsible person to look after her (Kerri's) children while Kerri is working.***

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18. Which of the following is not true about providing TeleMental health services?

- a. Documents that are password protected and sent via the internet are in compliance with HIPPA/HITECH rules for TeleMental health delivery.
- b. Clients who cannot be treated properly via TeleMental health services should be treated in person, or else they should not be accepted as clients or, if already accepted, properly terminated with appropriate referrals.
- c. If within the last five years, the licensee has earned the required TeleMental health continuing education hours required by the Composite Board rules, those hours do not need to be repeated in order to meet the continuing education hours for the current licensure renewal period.
- d. ***Prior to delivering TeleMental health services, a clinician must have completed a TeleMental health continuing education workshop that focused on internet use dependency and the subsequent potential for the client developing psychological problems. Rule 135-11***

19. Which website will have access to all the Composite Board rules pertinent to professional counselors?

- a. www.lpca.ga.gov
- b. www.sos.ga.gov/plb/counselors
- c. **<https://sos.ga.gov/board-professional-counselors-social-workers-and-marriage-family-therapists>**
- d. www.nbcc.org

20. A Site Director who manages staffing at an agency, asks a new Licensed Professional Counselor to work with the clients of a clinician who is on vacation. The LPC informed the director that she is not qualified to complete certain assessments with these clients. In this scenario, the licensed Professional Counselor may not:

- a. Administer and interpret assessment instruments to evaluate emotional and
- b. mental problems and conditions, whether cognitive, behavioral or affective.
- c. Administer and interpret educational and vocational assessment instruments.
- d. ***Administer and interpret assessment instruments without prior training, education or experience. (the Law O.C.G.A. 43-10A)***
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- e. Administer and interpret any other assessments or tests which her or she is qualified by virtue of education, training or experience.

22. A current applicant for licensure as a Professional Counselor noticed that his graduate school transcript did not list a course with the title “Psychopathology”. He called his supervisor and asked if this will prevent him from becoming licensed as a Professional Counselor. Which of the following statements may address this applicant’s question?

- a. A graduate level course, such as psychopathology, DSM or other course with similar content, by a regionally accredited university or an organized training program recognized and/or approved by the Board in mental disorders and diagnosing mental disorders consisting of a minimum of three semester hours or five quarter hours (forty-five clock hours) may satisfy this requirement.
- b. Courses may have a variety of names depending on the course provider; the Board may request additional information to determine course or program approval.
- c. Completion of a training program in diagnosing mental disorders that is approved by the Georgia chapters of the Licensed Professional Counselors Association (LPCA-GA)
- d. ***All of the above Rule 135-12***

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23. Jody believes she finally ready to submit her application for LPC. She submits her application to her current clinical supervisor to review. Her clinical supervisor notices that Jody's first cycle began on March 1, 2014 and ended on Feb. 28, 2015. Jody took a break of several years from accruing hours at this point to concentrate on raising her children. How should Jody's clinical supervisor advise her about this cycle?
- a. There is nothing to advise. Jody's cycle was 12 months so it met the requirements for a full cycle.
 - b. There is nothing to advise. Jody followed the requirements for accruing hours.
 - c. *Jody's clinical supervisor should advise her (Jody) that her hours cannot be more than 60 months old from the date of the application, so this cycle would not count for the LPC license. **Rule 135-5-.02(a)8(vi)***
 - d. Jody's clinical supervisor should advise her to include an extra month's hours for this first cycle to ensure that she has enough hours over a 13-month period.

True or False

24. A supervisor who is a Licensed Professional Counselor must hold either a National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) Approved Clinical Supervisor credential or a Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia (LPCAGA) Certified Professional Counselor Supervisor credential. (T)
25. A Counseling or Applied Psychology Practicum or Internship as part of the graduate degree program is required for licensure. (T)
26. A supervisor, who provided clinical supervision to a supervisee, is required to sign off on hours provided using FORM E, the Clinical Supervision Form from the LPC application. (T)