



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

Many participants have questions about the *Continuing Education* (CE) process. Many of your questions may be answered in this document. Contact the SCCA Professional Development Chairperson, Norma Kimrey Colwell, 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 Hours** from this conference can be used for renewal for: LPCs, MFTs, and PESs (**Provider # 069**) 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 SCSCA Conference adheres to South Carolina State Department of Education Teacher Certification Renewal Guidelines* ([www.scteachers.org](http://www.scteachers.org)).



**Can I use the Conference Contact Hours 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 Co-Sponsored Conferences/events in the 120 credit hours needed during the five year renewal cycle. In making plans to use the *SCSCA 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.)

**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](http://www.sca4pt.com)) after attending the qualifying workshops.



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



**How does SCSCA provide Continuing Education?** SCSCA requests “co-sponsorship” from SCCA. Since SCCA is a Permanent Provider for the NBCC (Provider # 2041) and the SC Board of Counselors, Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists (Provider #069) Continuing Education is granted for this conference.

**Can I use the SCSCA Conference *Contact Hour Credits* to satisfy my license and/or certification renewal requirement for LPC, NCC, NCSC, MFT, etc?** Yes, you can since SCCA co-sponsors this conference and SCCA is a permanent provider for Board for National Certified Counselors and South Carolina Board of Counselors, Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

**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 SCSCA Conference *Contact Hour Credits* to satisfy my license and/or certification renewal requirement for LPC, NCC, NCSC, MFT, etc?** Yes since SCCA is a Permanent Provider for Board for National Certified Counselors and the South Carolina Board of Counselors, Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

**Can I use the SCSCA Conference *Contact Hours* 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](http://www.cce-global.org)).

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

**Will SCSCA or SCCA send my *Verification of Attendance Certificate* to the National Board of Certified Counselors, the SC Board of LPCs, MFTs, and PESs. The Center for Credentialing and Education, or the SC Teacher Certification Office?** No, it is the responsibility of the conference participants to obtain the *Verification of Attendance Certificate* and maintain it for their records not the responsibility of SCSCA or SCCA.

**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](http://www.nbcc.org)).

**Global Career Development Facilitators** can contact *The Center for Credentialing and Education* ([www.cce-global.org](http://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](http://www.scteachers.org).

For specific Continuing Education questions you can contact the SCCA-SCSCA Professional Development Chairperson, Norma Kimrey Colwell (Email: [daniel\\_colwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:daniel_colwell@bellsouth.net) or Phone: 1-803-691-5949) or check out the SCSCA Website at [www.scschoolcounselor.org](http://www.scschoolcounselor.org) for Continuing Education updates.