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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control No. 255                      Department or Agency: AL Board of Examiners in Counseling  
Rule No. 255-X-2-.20  
Rule Title: Practicum

New     Amended     Repeal     Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?                      No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?                      Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?                      No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?                      No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?                      No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?                      Yes

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?                      No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer *Florence Hemphill*  
Florence Hemphill

Date 5/11/16

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ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

RULE NO. & TITLE: 255-X-2-.20 Practicum

INTENDED ACTION:

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling proposes to add this new rule to define content of academic practicum course required to meet educational requirement for licensure.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:


This new rule specifies the content of an academic practicum course required to meet educational requirements for licensure.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling at any time during the 38-day period following the 31st day of May, 2016, or if requested in advance, by personally appearing at Room 765, Medical Forum Building, 950 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North, Birmingham, AL at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 8, 2016.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

July 8, 2016

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**255-X-2-20 Practicum.** Graduate level academic course work that provides for the development of individual and group counseling skills under supervision. The practicum must be taken through a regionally accredited institution, for a total of one hundred (100) clock hours. A minimum of forty (40) clock hours must be direct service work with clients. At least 80% of the direct service work with clients in the practicum must be in counseling sessions with clients. Assessment activities with clients may not account for more than 20% of the direct services in the practicum. A minimum of one (1) clock hour per week must be of individual supervision by program faculty, and a minimum of one and one-half (1 1/2) clock hours per week must be group supervision.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-5

**History:** New Rule: