



SC Association for Play Therapy Continuing Education Information

Many conference participants have questions about the SCAPT Continuing Education process which include:

Why are the SCAPT conference participants asked to "sign in"? SCAPT is a Continuing Education Provider of the *Association for Play Therapy* (APT Provider Number 99-061) and follows the APT Continuing Education Guidelines. The APT guidelines direct the process which includes the Morning and Afternoon Sign-in process to document attendance.

What about Continuing Education documentation? The conference information and the contact hour credits are compiled on the *Verification of Attendance Certificate (VOAC)*. The VOAC form provides documentation of the professional hours earned for your professional development file. The VOAC is issued at no cost to the participant and is disseminated at the end of the SCAPT Conference or training.

Why do I have to fill out a SCAPT Continuing Education Application form? This application is used to document your attendance and is filed with the SCAPT Continuing Education (CE) Director for five years to support APT CE audits.

Can I use the Verification of Attendance Certificate Contact Hours from the SCAPT conferences to become a Registered Play Therapist? Yes, as an APT Provider SCAPT gives Continuing Education Contact Hour Credits specific to play therapy for therapists wishing to become Registered Play Therapists (RPT) as part of the 150 required Play Therapy hours and/or for "RPTs" needing renewal Contact Hour Credits.

The SCAPT Continuing Education Director compiles conference documentation and SCAPT pays a Provider Renewal fee to APT for the privilege of providing Continuing Education specific to Play Therapy approved by APT (website www.a4pt.org).

How does SCAPT provide Continuing Education for other disciplines? SCAPT requests a co-sponsorship status with the SC Counseling Association (SCCA) for every educational training. SCCA is a permanent provider for the Board for National Certified Counselors and the South Carolina Board of Counselors, Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialist (NBCC ACEP Provider Number 2041). As a permanent provider SCCA or a SCCA co-sponsor can provide Continuing Education for National Certified Counselors (NCCs), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs), Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) and Psycho-Educational Specialists. (For additional information for LPCs, MFTs or Psycho-Educational Specialists please call the SC Board of Examiners at 803-896-4658 (FAX: 803-896-4719) or NBCC at www.nbcc.org)

Can I use the SCAPT Conference Contact Hours to satisfy my requirement for SC Teacher Re-Certification? *SCAPT adheres to the SC Teacher Certification Renewal Guidelines.* Each certified counselor employed in SC is required to develop a Professional Development Plan. Some school districts may require pre-approval if using options #6 or #10 on the SC State Department of Education Certification Renewal Matrix. Counselor may be able to include Contact Hour Credits at professional trainings such as the SCAPT Conference in the hours needed during the five year renewal cycle. In making plans to use the SCAPT Contact Hour Credits the counselor must apply the following criteria: 1) Renewal Contact Hour Credits relate to professional growth plan and/or support the goals of the educational entity, and therefore, may be subject to pre-approval from the educational district. 2) A counselor may earn renewal credit only through activities for which all eligibility criteria have been met. 3) The counselor is responsible for maintaining all required renewal credit verification and documentation 4) The counselor will be responsible for turning in the verification to the appropriate district/entity renewal coordinator for processing. (For more SDE certification information call -1-803-734-8466, 1-877-855-5280 or browse the web site: www.scteachers.org)

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, child life specialists, etc. may wish to submit the conference/workshop objectives for consideration.

For specific questions not covered in this document you may contact the SCAPT Continuing Education Director-Professional Development Chairperson, Norma Kimrey Colwell. (241 Rimer Pond Road; Blythewood, SC 29016; Phone: 803-691-5949 or e-mail: daniel_colwell@bellsouth.net).

Check out the APT Website (www.a4pt.org) and the SCAPT Website (www.sca4pt.com) for upcoming trainings.

