

6. NBCC Ethical Standards Requirement. The program content and information must be consistent with the *NBCC Code of Ethics* and the *NBCC Policy Regarding the Provision of Distance Professional Services*.
7. Qualified Presenter/Author Requirement. The program content and information must be presented and/or authored by a presenter/author with the appropriate qualifications, as required by Section F of this Policy. All program presenters and authors must be specifically and accurately identified in program materials, including all educational degrees and other qualifications related to the requirements of this Policy.

## E. QUALIFYING PROGRAM CONTENT RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

In order to qualify for NBCC continuing education credit, the qualifying program content must be consistent with the following restrictions and prohibitions:

1. Noncounseling Profession Content Restriction. The program content cannot be solely or primarily designed or intended for: professions other than professional counseling; the general public; paraprofessional counselors; or, any other individuals engaged in counseling or other mental health activities who are not graduate-level professional counselors.
2. Physical Health Content Restriction. The program content cannot be solely or primarily concerned with the medical or physical health of clients.
3. Political and Religious Content Restriction. The program content cannot state or imply in any manner that individuals who act inconsistent with, or who do not accept, a particular political or religious belief or principle are dysfunctional, or otherwise inappropriate, or that the belief itself is unacceptable or incorrect.
4. Sexual Orientation Change Content Restriction. The program content cannot present or include information promoting Sexual Orientation Change Efforts as a therapeutic method.

## F. PRESENTER QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order for a Provider to offer and issue NBCC continuing education credit, the program must satisfy the following requirements: the subject matter must be directly and primarily related to an NBCC Content Area; and, the presenter of the program, or author preparing the publication, must qualify as a presenter/author (presenter) for the subject matter presented.

Qualifying programs must be taught or authored by presenters who possess appropriate qualifications, as required by this Policy. Qualified presenters and authors are classified by three (3) specific categories. The following categories identify the relevant education and/or experience requirements for a presenter to qualify to present/author programs that are offered for NBCC continuing education credit.

### 1. Category 1 Presenter Qualifications.

In order to qualify as a Category 1 Presenter, the individual must:

- (a). Hold a graduate degree in a mental health field from a regionally accredited educational institution; and,

- (b). Be qualified by appropriate education, experience, and/or training to present/author the particular subject matter, or author the publication concerning the subject matter.

2. Category 2 Presenter Qualifications.

In order to qualify as a Category 2 Presenter, the individual must:

- (a). Hold a graduate degree from a regionally accredited educational institution directly related to the subject matter presented; and,
- (b). Be qualified by appropriate education, experience, and/or training to present/author the particular subject matter, or author the publication concerning the subject matter.

3. Category 3 Presenter Qualifications.

In order to qualify as a Category 3 Presenter, the individual must:

- (a). Be qualified by appropriate education, experience, and/or training to present/author the particular subject matter, or author the publication concerning the subject matter.

4. Additional Presenter Requirements and Restrictions.

- (a). Each program presenter must qualify under this Policy to teach the particular subject matter presented by that individual.
- (b). Honorary academic degrees must not be used to qualify a presenter to present or author programs offered for NBCC credit.
- (c). Individuals who have received academic degrees outside the United States may or may not be qualified to present programs for NBCC credit. Such foreign degreed individuals may be required to submit the results of an international degree equivalency evaluation. NBCC will determine whether the individual qualifies as a presenter under this Policy.

## G. NBCC CONTENT AREAS AND TOPICS

In order for a Provider to offer and issue NBCC credit, the program subject matter must be directly and primarily related to one (1) or more of the NBCC Content Areas identified below, and as required by this Policy. The following categories identify the NBCC Content Areas. The relevant content area(s) must be identifiable in the program objectives.

[NOTE: Regardless of the NBCC Content Area, a Category 1 Presenter is required to present/author the relevant portions of all programs that include content concerning counseling theory, counseling practice, counseling relationships, and the evaluation and/or treatment of clients, as well as all content specifically designated for a Category 1 Presenter.]

1. Counseling Theory/Practice and the Counseling Relationship.

Continuing education programs in this content area provide an advanced understanding of the counseling