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To Whom It May Concern,

The Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners has recently made changes effective November 1, 2015 regarding increased requirements for practicum hours. Students who have enrolled and completed a program before October 31, 2017 are eligible for a grandfather period to be exempt from these increased requirements. According to AZBBHE, *"An applicant for licensure as an independent substance abuse counselor who completed the applicant's educational training before the effective date of this Section or no later than October 31, 2017, may request that the Board evaluate the applicant's educational training using the standards in effect before the effective date of this Section."*

The new regulations can be found at:

<http://azbbhe.us/pdfs/Rules/ProposedRules/FINAL%20BOARD%20RULES.pdf>. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your advisor.

Regards,

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