New Arizona LASAC Practicum Hours Requirement

The Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (AZBBHE) has increased to 300 hours the requirement for practicum/internship in order to obtain a license as an Associate Substance Abuse Counselor. Please be aware that this increase is 50 hours more than our current requirement to successfully complete the masters of Science in Addiction Counseling program. The effective date is Nov. 1, 2015, so if you will be seeking licensure after that date, you should plan to acquire these extra hours. You can complete the additional hours during your existing practicum or take an additional practicum course to be paid for out-of-pocket, above the program requirements.

Additionally be aware of the requirement for the supervised experience: “A supervised practicum shall integrate didactic learning related to substance use disorders with face-to-face, direct counseling experience. The counseling experience shall include intake and assessment, treatment planning, discharge planning, documentation, and case management activities (Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, 2015, Rules, P. 27). Make sure you do these activates when doing your pre-practicum and practicum.

For more information, please visit the Arizona Behavioral Health Examiners Board website at www.azbbhe.us.