

Health Occupations

Title 17. Professional Counselors and Therapists

Subtitle 6. Prohibited Acts; Penalties.

§17–601. Prohibited Acts.

Unless an individual is licensed to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, clinical professional counseling, or clinical professional art therapy, an individual may not:

(1) Represent to the public by title, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the individual is licensed by the Board to provide clinical alcohol and drug counseling services, clinical marriage and family therapy services, clinical professional counseling services, or clinical professional art therapy services in the State;

(2) Use any title, abbreviation, sign, card, or other representation that the individual is a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor, licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical professional counselor, licensed clinical professional art therapist; or

(3) Use the title “L.C.A.D.C.”, “L.C.M.F.T.”, “L.C.P.C.”, or “L.C.P.A.T.” or the words “licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor”, “licensed clinical marriage and family therapist”, “licensed clinical professional counselor”, or “licensed clinical professional art therapist” with the intent to represent that the individual practices clinical alcohol and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, clinical professional counseling, or clinical professional art therapy.

§17–602. Prohibited Acts – alcohol and drug counselor, professional counselor, art therapist, and marriage and family therapist.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, unless an individual has been approved by the Board to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate professional counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist the individual may not:

(1) Use the title “licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor”, “licensed graduate professional counselor”, “licensed graduate marriage and family therapist”, or “licensed graduate professional art therapist”;

(2) Use the initials “L.G.A.D.C.”, “L.G.P.C.”, “L.G.M.F.T.”, or “L.G.P.A.T.” after the name of the individual;

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(3) Represent to the public that the individual is approved by the Board to practice alcohol and drug counseling, professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, or professional art therapy; or

(4) Use any title, abbreviation, sign, card, or other representation that the individual is a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate professional counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist.

§17–603. Prohibited acts – Certified alcohol and drug counselor, professional counselor, and marriage and family therapist.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, unless an individual is certified to practice alcohol and drug counseling, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling, the individual may not:

(1) Represent to the public by title, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the individual is certified by the Board to provide counseling or therapy services in this State;

(2) Use any title, abbreviation, sign, card, or other representation that the individual is a certified professional counselor, certified professional counselor–marriage and family therapist, certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug, certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug, or certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug; or

(3) Use the title “C.P.C.”, “C.P.C.–M.F.T.”, “C.P.C.–A.D.”, “C.A.C.–A.D.”, or “C.S.C.–A.D.”, the words “certified professional counselor” or “certified professional counselor–marriage and family therapist”, or the words “certified counselor” or “certified marriage and family therapist” with the intent to represent that the individual practices professional counseling or marriage and family therapy, or the words “certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug”, “certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug”, “certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug” with the intent to represent that the individual practices alcohol and drug counseling.

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§17–604. Violations and penalties.

(a) A person who violates any provision of this subtitle or § 17–301 of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

(b) A person who violates any provision of this subtitle or § 17–301 of this title is subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$50,000 to be assessed by the Board in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

(c) Each violation of this subtitle is a separate offense.