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Section 17-301. Required licensing by Board.

(a) In general. -- Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, clinical professional art therapy, or clinical professional counseling in the State unless licensed by the Board.

(b) Exclusions. -- Subject to the regulations of the Board, subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) A student working under the supervision of a licensed mental health care provider while pursuing a supervised course of study in counseling that the Board approves as qualifying training and experience under this title; or

(2) An individual who, in accordance with Section 17-406 of this title, is working as a trainee under the supervision of a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor or another health care provider licensed or certified under this article and approved by the Board while fulfilling the experiential or course of study requirements under Section 17-302 of this subtitle or Section 17-403 or Section 17-404 of this title.

(c) Construction. -- This subtitle may not be construed to limit the scope of practice of any individual who is duly licensed under this article.

History2008, ch. 50

Section 17-302. Qualifications -- Clinical alcohol and drug counselors.

(a) In general. -- To qualify for a license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) Good moral character. -- The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) Minimum age. -- The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) Educational requirements. --

(1) Except as provided in Section 17-305 of this subtitle, the applicant shall at a minimum:

(i) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field from a regionally accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board; or

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(ii) Hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited educational institution and have completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter as may be required by the Board in regulation.

(2) The applicant shall have completed any additional educational requirements established by the Board in regulation.

(e) Supervised clinical experience. -- The applicant shall:

(1) Have completed not less than 2 years with a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised experience in alcohol and drug counseling, which shall have been completed after the award of the master's or doctoral degree; and

(2) Provide documentation as required by the Board evidencing the completion of the postgraduate experience required under item (1) of this subsection.

(f) Documentation of graduate work. -- The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of any educational requirements established by the Board in regulation, completed at a regionally accredited educational institution approved by the Board.

(g) Examination. -- Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass:

(1) An examination approved by the Board; and

(2) The law examination on this title administered by the Board.

History

2008, ch. 505, Sections 1, 2; 2015, ch. 368 ; 2018, chs. 756 , 757 .5, Sections 1, 2; 2012, ch. 66, Section 6; chs. 628 , 629 ; 2014, ch. 61 .

Sections 17-302.1 to 17-302.5. Qualifications for certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapists; counseling under supervision of certified professional counselor or certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapist; qualifications for certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug; qualifications for certified associate counselor-alcohol and drug; qualifications for certified supervised counselor-alcohol and drug

Repealed by Acts 2008, ch. 505, Section 1, effective October 1, 2008.

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Section 17-303. Qualifications -- Clinical marriage and family therapists.

(a) In general. -- To qualify for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) Good moral character. -- The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) Minimum age. -- The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) Educational requirements. --

(1) Except as provided in Section 17-306 of this subtitle, the applicant shall hold a master's or doctoral degree in a marriage and family field from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board or have completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training as may be required by the Board in regulation.

(2) The applicant shall have completed any additional educational requirements established by the Board in regulation.

(e) Supervised clinical experience. -- The applicant shall have completed not less than 2 years with a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised experience in marriage and family therapy approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master's or doctoral degree or its substantial equivalent.

(f) Documentation of graduate course work. -- The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of any educational requirements established by the Board in regulation, completed at an accredited college or university approved by the Board.

(g) Documentation of supervised clinical experience. -- The applicant shall provide documentation evidencing the completion of 2 years of postgraduate supervised clinical experience as required by the Board.

(h) Examination. -- Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination approved by the Board.

History2008, ch. 505, Sections 1, 2; 2010, ch. 708 ; 2018, chs. 756 , 757 .

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Section 17-304. Qualifications -- Clinical professional counselors.

(a) **In general.** -- Except as provided in Section 17-307 of this subtitle, to qualify for a license to practice clinical professional counseling, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) **Good moral character.** -- The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) **Minimum age.** -- The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) **Educational requirements.** --

(1) The applicant shall hold a master's or doctoral degree in a professional counseling field from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board.

(2) The applicant shall have completed any additional educational requirements established by the Board in regulation.

(e) **Documentation of graduate course work.** -- The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of any educational requirements established by the Board in regulation, in the applicant's respective area of practice from an accredited college or university program approved by the Board.

(f) **Supervised clinical experience.** -- The applicant shall provide documentation evidencing the completion of 2 years of postgraduate supervised experience as required by the Board.

(g) **Examination.** -- Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination approved by the Board.

History 2008, ch. 505, Sections 1, 2; 2018, chs. 756 , 757 .

Section 17-304.1. Qualifications -- Clinical professional art therapy.

(a) **In general.** -- Except as provided in Section 17-307.1 of this subtitle, to qualify for a license to practice clinical professional art therapy, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) **Good moral character.** -- The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) **Minimum age.** -- The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) **Educational requirements.** --

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- (1) The applicant shall hold a master's or doctoral degree in art therapy from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board.
- (2) In the case of an applicant holding a doctoral degree, the applicant shall have completed:
- (i) A minimum of 90 graduate credit hours in an art therapy program approved by the Board; and
 - (ii) Not less than 2 years of supervised experience in art therapy approved by the Board, 1 year of which shall have been completed after the award of the doctoral degree.
- (3) In the case of an applicant holding only a master's degree, the applicant shall have completed:
- (i) A minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in an art therapy program approved by the Board; and
 - (ii) Not less than 3 years, with a minimum of 3,000 hours, of supervised experience in art therapy approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master's degree.
- (e) **Documentation of graduate course work.** -- The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of any educational requirements established by the Board in regulation, from an accredited college or university program that is approved by the Board.
- (f) **Documentation of postgraduate supervised experience.** -- The applicant shall provide documentation evidencing the completion of 2 years of postgraduate supervised experience as required by the Board.
- (g) **Examination.** -- Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination approved by the Board.

History 2012, chs. 628 , 629 ; 2018, chs. 756 , 757 ; 2019, chs. 408 , 409 .

Section 17-304.2. Waiver of requirements -- Practice of licensed clinical professional art therapy.

Repealed by Acts 2019, chs. 408 and 409, effective July 1, 2019.

Section 17-305. Waiver of requirements -- Clinical alcohol and drug counselors.

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(a) In general. -- The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling if the applicant:

- (1) Holds a license as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that is equivalent to the license the applicant is applying for under this subtitle;
- (2) Submits an application to the Board on a form that the Board requires;
- (3) Pays to the Board an application fee set by the Board; and
- (4) Satisfies any other educational and experience requirements established by the Board.

(b) Waiver of educational and experience requirements. -- The Board may waive educational and experience requirements established under subsection (a)(4) of this section:

- (1) Under circumstances determined by the Board; and
- (2) For applicants who petition the Board for waiver.

(c) Regulations. -- The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

History 2008, ch. 505, Sections 1, 2; 2018, chs. 756 , 757 .

Section 17-306. Waiver of requirements -- Clinical marriage and family therapists.

(a) In general. -- The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical marriage and family therapy if the applicant:

- (1) Is licensed or certified as a clinical marriage and family therapist in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of Section 17-303 of this subtitle;
- (2) Submits an application on the form that the Board requires; and
- (3) Pays to the Board the application fee set by the Board.

(b) Regulations. -- The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

History2008,.

Section 17-306.1. Waiver of requirements for certification -- Professional counselor - alcohol and drug. Repealed.

Section 17-307. Waiver of requirements -- Clinical professional counselors.

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(a) In general. -- The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical professional counseling if the applicant:

- (1)** Is licensed or certified as a clinical professional counselor in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of Section 17-304 of this subtitle;
- (2)** Submits an application to the Board on a form that the Board requires; and
- (3)** Pays to the Board an application fee set by the Board.

(b) Regulations. -- The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

History

2008, ch. 505, Sections 1, 2.ed by Acts 2008, ch. 505, Section 1, effective October 1, 2008. ch. 505, Sections 1, 2.

Section 17-307.1. Waiver of requirements -- Licensure of clinical professional art therapy.

(a) Conditions. -- The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical professional art therapy if the applicant:

- (1)** Is licensed as a clinical professional art therapist in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of Section 17-304.1 of this subtitle;
- (2)** Submits an application to the Board on a form that the Board requires; and
- (3)** Pays to the Board an application fee set by the Board.

(b) Regulations. -- The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

History

2012, chs. 628 , 629 .

Section 17-308. Authority granted by license.

(a) In general. -- A license authorizes the licensee to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, clinical professional counseling, or clinical professional art therapy while the license is effective.

(b) Services. -- An individual licensed under this subtitle may provide services involving the application of counseling principles and methods in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of psychological problems, emotional conditions, or mental conditions of individuals or groups.

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History 2008, ch. 505,

Section 17-309. Supervised clinical practice.

(a) Regulations. -- The Board may adopt regulations to allow an individual to practice under clinical supervision as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, a licensed graduate professional counselor, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist.

(b) Qualifications -- In general. -- To qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, a licensed graduate professional counselor, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist, an individual shall be:

- (1) Of good moral character; and
- (2) At least 18 years old.

(c) Educational requirements -- Graduate alcohol and drug counseling. -- An individual may practice graduate alcohol and drug counseling under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:

(1) At a minimum, a master's or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field from a regionally accredited educational institution;

(2) A minimum of 27 semester credit hours or 41 quarter credit hours in alcohol and drug counselor training, including:

(i) A 3 semester credit hour or 5 quarter credit hour course taken at a regionally accredited educational institution in each of the following:

1. Medical aspects of chemical dependency;
2. Addictions treatment delivery;
3. Ethics that includes alcohol and drug counseling issues;
4. Abnormal psychology;
5. Group counseling; and
6. Individual counseling; and

(ii) Any three of the following 3 semester credit hour or 5 quarter credit hour courses taken at a regionally accredited educational institution:

1. Family counseling;

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2. Theories of counseling;
 3. Human development;
 4. Topics in substance-related and addictive disorders; and
 5. Treatment of co-occurring disorders; and
- (3) Passed:
- (i) A national alcohol and drug counselor examination approved by the Board; and
 - (ii) The law examination on this title administered by the Board.
- (d) Educational requirements -- Marriage and family therapists.** -- An individual may practice graduate marriage and family therapy under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:
- (1) A master's or doctoral degree in a marriage and family field that meets the educational requirements of Section 17-303 of this subtitle; and
 - (2) Passed the National Marriage and Family Therapy Examination approved by the Board.
- (e) Educational requirements -- Professional counselors.** -- An individual may practice graduate professional counseling under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:
- (1) A master's or doctoral degree in a professional counseling field that meets the educational requirements of Section 17-304 of this subtitle; and
 - (2) Passed the National Professional Counselor Examination approved by the Board.
- (f) Supervised practice of graduate professional art therapy.** -- An individual may practice graduate professional art therapy under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has a master's or doctoral degree in art therapy that meets the educational requirements of Section 17-304.1 of this subtitle.
- (g) Approval by Board required.** -- An individual may not practice without approval by the Board.

History

2008, ch. 505, Sections 1, 2; 2012, chs. 628 , 629 ; 2015, ch. 368 .

Sections 1, 2; 2012, chs. 628 , 629 .

Section 17-310. Advanced assessment activities; training requirements.

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(a) "Advanced assessment activities" defined. -- In this section "advanced assessment activities" means the use of appraisal instruments that require specialized psychological training for administration and interpretation.

(b) Training. -- A licensed counselor or therapist may engage in advanced assessment activities if the licensed counselor or therapist has completed training that includes:

(1) Possession of a doctoral or master's degree in counseling or a related field that includes a minimum of nine graduate courses of at least 3 semester hours in each of the following courses:

- (i)** Psychopathology;
- (ii)** Biological bases of behavior;
- (iii)** Research methods;
- (iv)** Advanced statistics;
- (v)** Tests and measures;
- (vi)** Intellectual assessment;
- (vii)** Personality assessment;
- (viii)** Ethics; and
- (ix)** Practicum in advanced assessment;

(2) Completion of 500 hours of supervised, direct, client-related, advanced assessment testing that is completed not less than 2 years following the completion of the master's degree, of which a minimum of 100 hours shall include face-to-face supervision by a supervisor who is:

- (i)** A licensed mental health professional;
- (ii)** Proficient in the use of advanced assessment tests; and
- (iii)** Approved by the Board; and

(3) Passage of a national examination that includes items on advanced assessment that evaluate knowledge of advanced assessment procedures.

History

2008, ch. 36, Section 6; ch. 508 ; 2019, chs. 408 , 409 .

Sections 17-311 to 17-317. Display of certificate or license; change in address; professional disclosure statement; denial, probation, suspension or revocation of certificate applicant or

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holder; penalty; administrative hearing; administrative and judicial review; injunction;
reinstatement of revoked certificate, reduction of suspension or probation period, or withdrawal
of reprimand; professional counselor rehabilitation committees

Repealed by Acts 2008, ch. 505, Section 1, effective October 1, 2008.

Sections 17-3A-01 to 17-3A-13. Licensing.

Repealed by Acts 2008, ch. 505, Section 1, effective October 1, 2008.