

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, : CR 20-032
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND :
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

This rule project removes automatic acceptance of all Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accredited programs as equivalent to a master's or doctorate degree in professional counseling for the purposes of meeting the education requirement for licensure as a professional counselor. Instead, the board will provide automatic acceptance for certain enumerated CACREP accredited specialty programs. These include CACREP accredited programs in addiction counseling, clinical mental health counseling, clinical rehabilitation counseling, marriage, couple, and family counseling, and doctoral programs in counselor education and supervision.

Applicants with degrees that are not CACREP accredited, or CACREP accredited but not in one of the enumerated specialties, must show that their degree program meets the requirements for equivalency within MPSW 14.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board held a public hearing on October 13, 2020. No testimony was received.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS: N/A.