

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board

**Rule No.:** MPSW 11.01

**Relating to:** Degrees from programs accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Counseling or the Council on Rehabilitation Education

**Rule Type:** Permanent

**1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):** N/A

**2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:**

The objective is to remove the automatic acceptance to meet the educational standards of programs which are accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Copunseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) or the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE).

**3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:**

Currently programs which are accredited by CACREP or the CORE are accepted as meeting the educational requirements for being equivalent to a master's or doctoral degree in professional counseling. While the requirements in MPSW 14 are based upon the accreditation standards, the requirements are not identical and not all CACREP and CORE programs meet the requirements. Therefore, the Board is proposing the removal of the automatic acceptance of CACREP and CORE accredited programs in order to meet requirements equivalent to a degree in professional counseling.

**4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):**

§ 15.08(5)(b) Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

§ 457.03(1) Upon the advice of the social worker section, marriage and family therapist section, and professional counselor section, promulgate rules establishing minimum standards for educational programs that must be completed for certification or licensure under this chapter and for supervised clinical training that must be completed for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor under this chapter and approve educational programs and supervised clinical training programs in accordance with those standards.

**5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:**

50 hours

**6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:**

Applicants for a professional counseling license

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:**

None

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic\_impact on small businesses):**

None to minimal. This rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small business.

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