

## Chapter MPSW 12

### PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISED PRACTICE

MPSW 12.01 Supervised practice requirement.

MPSW 12.02 Supervised practice.

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#### MPSW 12.01 Supervised practice requirement. (1)

Except as provided in sub. (3), an applicant for licensure as a professional counselor under s. 457.12, Stats., shall complete a period of supervised practice while holding a valid professional counselor training license before being eligible for licensure. Supervision may be exercised by a person other than an employment supervisor.

(2) A person with a training license must be supervised.

(3) An applicant who has completed any portion of his or her supervised professional counseling practice in another state shall be given credit for those hours obtained without a professional counselor training license provided the hours meet the requirements of this chapter.

**History:** Cr. [Register, November, 1993, No. 455](#), eff. 12-1-93, am. (1) (intro.), [Register, November, 1994, No. 467](#), eff. 12-1-94; [CR 02-105](#): r. and recr. [Register October 2002 No. 562](#), eff. 11-1-02; [CR 08-088](#): renum. (intro.), (1) and (2) to be (1), (2) and (3) and am. (1), cr. (4) and (5) [Register June 2009 No. 642](#), eff. 7-1-09; [CR 16-009](#): r. and recr. [Register January 2018 No. 745](#), eff. 2-1-18; correction in (1) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., [Register January 2018 No. 745](#).

**MPSW 12.02 Supervised practice. (1) SUPERVISOR QUALIFICATIONS.** It is the applicant's responsibility to satisfy the professional counselors section that the applicant's supervisor met all qualifications. Supervision of the supervised practice of professional counseling may be exercised by any of the following:

(a) An individual licensed as a professional counselor who has received a doctorate degree in professional counseling.

(b) An individual licensed as a professional counselor who has engaged in the equivalent of 5 years of full-time professional counseling.

(c) A psychiatrist.

(d) A psychologist licensed under ch. 455, Stats.

(e) A person employed by the division of vocational rehabilitation as a vocational rehabilitation supervisor, who is licensed as a professional counselor or who has engaged in the equivalent of 5 years of full-time professional counseling.

(f) An individual, other than an individual specified in pars. (a) to (e), who is approved in advance by the professional counselor section based upon evidence of 5 years of experience in counseling practice.

(2) SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES. The supervisor's responsibilities include all of the following:

(a) Exercise discretion as to the frequency, duration, and intensity of the face-to-face supervision session to meet an average of one hour of supervision per week during the supervised practice period.

(b) Permit a supervisee to engage in only professional counseling services the supervisor can competently perform.

(c) Be available or make appropriate provision for emergency consultation or intervention.

(d) Be legally and ethically responsible for the supervised activities of the supervisee.

(e) Be able to interrupt or stop the supervisee from practicing in given cases, or recommend to the supervisee's employer that the employer interrupt or stop the supervisee from practicing in given cases.

(f) To terminate the supervised relationship.

(3) GROUP SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS. Supervision in group sessions shall meet all of the following:

(a) The group shall consist of no more than 6 persons for every one person providing supervision.

(b) Each person receiving supervision as part of the group session receives one hour credit for each hour that the group meets for supervision, but may not credit any time which is primarily social activity with the group or supervisor as part of a supervision session.

(c) A supervision session for a group or individual which is provided by more than one supervisor may not be credited for more than the actual time elapsed during the supervision session, not including social activities.

**History:** Cr. [Register, November, 1993, No. 455](#), eff. 12-1-93; [CR 01-026](#): am. (2), r. (2) (b) and (d), [Register December 2001 No. 552](#), eff. 1-1-02; [CR 02-105](#): r. and recr. (2) [Register October 2002 No. 562](#), eff. 11-1-02; [CR 16-009](#): r. and recr. [Register January 2018 No. 745](#), eff. 2-1-18.