

Chapter MPSW 12

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISED PRACTICE

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MPSW 12.01 Supervised practice requirement.

(1) Except as provided in sub. (4), an applicant for licensure as a professional counselor under s. 457.12, Stats., shall complete a period of supervised practice while holding a training license before being eligible for licensure. Supervision of the practice of professional counseling undertaken to meet the pre-licensure requirement may be exercised by a person other than an employment supervisor. The supervisor may exercise discretion as to the frequency, duration, and intensity of the supervision sessions to meet an average of one hour of supervision per week during the supervised practice period.

(2) An applicant who has received a master's degree shall complete at least 3,000 hours of professional counseling practice in no less than 2 years, including at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact, under the supervision of a person specified in s. MPSW 12.02 (2) before the applicant is eligible for a license as a professional counselor.

(3) An applicant who has received a doctoral degree shall complete, either during or after completion of the doctoral degree program, at least 1,000 hours of professional counseling practice, under the supervision of a person specified in s. MPSW 12.02 (2) before the applicant is eligible for a license as a professional counselor.

(4) An applicant who has received a master's degree in professional counseling or its equivalent and has completed any portion of his or her 3,000 hours of supervised professional counseling practice in another state shall be given credit for those hours provided they included at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact, or a proportionate number thereof, and are completed under the supervision of a supervisor acceptable to the professional counselor section.

(5) An applicant who has received a doctoral degree in professional counseling or its equivalent and has completed any portion of his or her 1,000 hours of supervised professional counseling practice in another state shall be given credit for those hours provided they are completed under the supervision of a supervisor acceptable to the professional counselor section.

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MPSW 12.02 Qualifications of practice supervisor.

(1) A person who supervises the practice of professional counseling shall have adequate training, knowledge and skill to competently render any professional counseling service that a supervisee undertakes. The supervisor may not permit a supervisee to engage in any professional counseling practice that the supervisor cannot competently perform. All supervisors shall be legally and ethically responsible for the supervised activities of the professional counselor supervisee. Supervisors shall be available or make appropriate provision for emergency consultation and intervention. Supervisors shall 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, and to terminate the supervised relationship if necessary.

(2) Supervision of a period of 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 or a psychologist licensed under ch. 455, Stats.

(d) A person employed by the division of vocational rehabilitation as a civil service vocational rehabilitation supervisor, level 3, who is licensed as a professional counselor or who has engaged in the equivalent of 5 years of full-time professional counseling.

(e) An individual, other than an individual specified in pars. (a) to (d), who is approved in advance by the professional counselor section.

(3) It is the applicant's responsibility to satisfy the professional counselors section that the applicant's supervisor met all qualifications.

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MPSW 12.03 Pre-licensure supervised practice outcome requirement.

As a condition of successful completion of a period of supervised practice, the candidate for licensure shall demonstrate competence to his or her practice supervisor in each of the following areas: counseling principles and techniques; case management; client assessment; ethics; and professional and community interaction. The candidate for certification shall also demonstrate competence to his or her practice supervisor in at least 3 of the following 7 areas: coordination and supervision of services; individual and group and family, or individual and group or family counseling techniques; assessment planning, administration and interpretation; service delivery systems and referral; counseling plan development; legal testimony; and consultation.

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MPSW 12.04 Limitations on group supervision.

(1) If supervision is provided in group sessions, the group shall consist of no more than 6 persons receiving supervision for every one person providing supervision.

(2) If supervision is provided in group sessions, 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.

(3) 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.

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