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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 224

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-5-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.192-2017, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 3.5. (a) The applicant for a license as a clinical social worker must have at least two (2) years of clinical social work experience after receiving a graduate degree in social work and under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as determined by the board.

(b) If an individual is obtaining the clinical social work experience described in subsection (a) in Indiana, the individual must be licensed as a social worker under section 1 of this chapter.

(c) A doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised clinical social work experience requirement.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), the clinical social work experience requirement may be met by work performed at or away from the premises of the qualified supervisor.

(e) **Except as provided in subsection (g)**, the clinical social work requirement may not be performed away from the qualified supervisor's premises if:

- (1) the work is the independent private practice of clinical social work; and
- (2) the work is not performed at a place with the supervision of a qualified supervisor available.



(f) Any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an applicant accumulates under this chapter do not expire and may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work experience requirements under this chapter.

(g) Up to fifty percent (50%) of the supervised clinical social work experience hours required under subsection (a) may be accounted for through virtual supervision by a qualified supervisor described in subsection (a).

SECTION 2. IC 25-23.6-8-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.134-2008, SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 2.5. (a) An applicant for a license as a marriage and family therapist under section 1 of this chapter or an applicant for a license as a marriage and family therapist associate under section 1.5 of this chapter must complete the following educational requirements:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), complete twenty-seven (27) semester hours or forty-one (41) quarter hours of graduate course work that must include graduate level course credits with material in at least the following content areas:

- (A) Theoretical foundations of marriage and family therapy.
- (B) Major models of marriage and family therapy.
- (C) Individual development.
- (D) Family development and family relationships.
- (E) Clinical problems.
- (F) Collaboration with other disciplines.
- (G) Sexuality.
- (H) Gender and sexual orientation.
- (I) Issues of ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, and culture.
- (J) Therapy techniques.
- (K) Behavioral research that focuses on the interpretation and application of research data as it applies to clinical practice.

The content areas may be combined into any one (1) graduate level course, if the applicant can prove that the course work was devoted to each content area.

(2) Not less than one (1) graduate level course of two (2) semester hours or three (3) quarter hours in the following areas:

- (A) Legal, ethical, and professional standards issues in the practice of marriage and family therapy or an equivalent course approved by the board.
- (B) Appraisal and assessment for individual or interpersonal disorder or dysfunction.

(3) At least one (1) supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience in a marriage and family counseling setting that



meets the following requirements:

(A) The applicant provided five hundred (500) ~~face to face client contact~~ hours of marriage and family therapy services, **including at least four hundred (400) face to face client contact hours**, under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist who has at least five (5) years of experience or a qualified supervisor approved by the board.

(B) The applicant received one hundred (100) hours of supervision from a licensed marriage and family therapist who has at least five (5) years experience as a qualified supervisor.

The requirements under clauses (A) and (B) may be met by a supervised practice experience that took place away from an institution of higher education but that is certified by an official of the eligible postsecondary educational institution as being equivalent to a graduate level practicum or internship program at an institution accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Education, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, or the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

(b) The following graduate work may not be used to satisfy the content area requirements under subsection (a):

(1) Thesis or dissertation work.

(2) Practicums, internships, or fieldwork.

SECTION 3. IC 25-23.6-8-2.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2012, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 2.7. (a) As used in this section, "first available examination" means the first examination after the date of:

(1) graduation; or

(2) moving into Indiana;

that has an application deadline that is at least thirty (30) days after the date of graduation or the date of moving into Indiana, unless the individual chooses to meet a deadline that is less than thirty (30) days after either of those events.

(b) An applicant for a license as a marriage and family therapist under section 1 of this chapter must have at least two (2) years of postdegree clinical experience, during which at least fifty percent (50%) of the applicant's clients were receiving marriage and family therapy services. The applicant's clinical experience must include one thousand (1,000) hours of postdegree clinical experience and two hundred (200) hours of postdegree clinical supervision, of which one hundred (100) hours must be individual supervision, under the



supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist who has at least five (5) years of experience or an equivalent supervisor, as determined by the board.

(c) If an individual applies for, takes, and passes the first available examination, the individual may not count more than five hundred (500) hours of the postdegree clinical experience that is:

- (1) required under subsection (b); and
- (2) accumulated before taking the examination toward licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

(d) If an individual does not pass the first available examination, the individual may:

- (1) retain the hours accumulated before taking the examination;
- (2) continue working; and
- (3) not accumulate any additional hours toward licensure as a marriage and family therapist until passing the examination.

(e) If an individual does not take the first available examination, the individual may not begin accumulating any postdegree clinical experience hours toward licensure as a marriage and family therapist until the individual passes the examination.

(f) When obtaining the clinical experience required under subsection (b), the applicant must provide direct individual, group, and family therapy and counseling to the following categories of cases:

- (1) Unmarried couples.
- (2) Married couples.
- (3) Separating or divorcing couples.
- (4) Family groups, including children.

(g) A doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised work experience requirement.

(h) Except as provided in subsection (i), the experience requirement may be met by work performed at or away from the premises of the supervising marriage and family therapist.

(i) **Except as provided in subsection (j)**, the work requirement may not be performed away from the supervising marriage and family therapist's premises if:

- (1) the work is the independent private practice of marriage and family therapy; and
- (2) the work is not performed at a place that has the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist or an equivalent supervisor, as determined by the board.

(j) Up to fifty percent (50%) of the supervised postdegree clinical experience hours required under subsection (b) may be accounted for through virtual supervision by a licensed marriage



and family therapist or equivalent supervisor described in subsection (b).

SECTION 4. IC 25-23.6-8.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2010, SECTION 62, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 3. An applicant as a mental health counselor under section 1 of this chapter or a mental health counselor associate under section 1.5 of this chapter must complete the following educational requirements:

(1) Complete sixty (60) semester hours of graduate course work in counseling that must include either a master's degree that required not less than forty-eight (48) semester hours or a doctor's degree in counseling. The graduate course work must include the following content areas:

- (A) Human growth and development.
- (B) Social and cultural foundations of counseling.
- (C) Helping relationship, including counseling theory and practice.
- (D) Group dynamics, processes, counseling, and consultation.
- (E) Lifestyle and career development.
- (F) Assessment and appraisal of individuals.
- (G) Research and program evaluation.
- (H) Professional orientation and ethics.
- (I) Foundations of mental health counseling.
- (J) Contextual dimensions of mental health counseling.
- (K) Knowledge and skills for the practice of mental health counseling and psychotherapy.
- (L) Clinical instruction.

(2) Not less than one (1) supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience in a counseling setting, which must include a minimum of ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ **seven hundred (700)** clock hours consisting of one (1) practicum of one hundred (100) hours, **and** one (1) internship of six hundred (600) hours **and one (1) advanced internship of three hundred (300) hours** with at least ~~one hundred (100)~~ **sixty-six (66)** hours of face to face supervision. This requirement may be met by a supervised practice experience that took place away from an eligible postsecondary educational institution but that is certified by an official of the eligible postsecondary educational institution as being equivalent to a clinical mental health graduate level practicum or internship program at an institution accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education or the Association of Universities and Colleges of



Canada.

SECTION 5. IC 25-23.6-8.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2010, SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "first available examination" means the first examination after the date of an individual's:

- (1) graduation; or
- (2) moving into Indiana;

that has an application deadline that is at least thirty (30) days after the date of graduation or the date of moving into Indiana, unless the individual chooses to meet a deadline that is less than thirty (30) days after either of those events.

(b) The applicant must have at least three thousand (3,000) hours of post-graduate clinical experience over a two (2) year period. The clinical experience must consist of one hundred (100) hours of ~~face to face~~ supervision under the supervision of a licensed mental health counselor or an equivalent supervisor, as determined by the board.

(c) A doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised work experience requirement.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), the clinical experience requirement may be met by work performed at or away from the premises of the supervising mental health counselor.

(e) **Except as provided in subsection (i)**, the clinical work requirement may not be performed away from the supervising mental health counselor's premises if:

- (1) the work is the independent private practice of mental health counseling; and
- (2) the work is not performed at a place that has the supervision of a licensed mental health counselor or an equivalent supervisor, as determined by the board.

(f) If an individual applies for, takes, and passes the first available examination, the individual may not count more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of the postdegree clinical experience that is:

- (1) required under subsection (b); and
- (2) accumulated before taking the examination toward licensure as a mental health counselor.

(g) If an individual does not pass the first available examination, the individual may:

- (1) retain the hours accumulated before taking the examination;
- (2) continue working; and
- (3) not accumulate any additional hours toward licensure as a mental health counselor until passing the examination.



(h) If an individual does not take the first available examination, the individual may not begin accumulating any postdegree clinical experience hours toward licensure as a mental health counselor until the individual passes the examination.

(i) Up to fifty percent (50%) of the supervised post-graduate clinical experience hours required under subsection (b) may be accounted for through virtual supervision by a licensed mental health counselor or equivalent supervisor described in subsection (b).

SECTION 6. IC 25-23.6-10.5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.122-2009, SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 7. (a) An applicant under section 1 of this chapter must have at least two (2) years of addiction counseling experience that must include at least one hundred fifty (150) hours under supervision, one hundred (100) hours of which must be under individual supervision and fifty (50) hours of which must be under group supervision. The supervision required must be provided by a qualified supervisor, as determined by the board.

(b) A doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised work experience requirement.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the experience requirement may be met by work performed at or away from the premises of the qualified supervisor.

(d) **Except as provided in subsection (e)**, the work requirement may not be performed away from the qualified supervisor's premises if:

- (1) the work is the independent private practice of addiction counseling; and
- (2) the work is not performed at a place that has the supervision of a qualified supervisor.

(e) Up to fifty percent (50%) of the supervised addiction counseling experience hours required under subsection (a) may be accounted for through virtual supervision by a qualified supervisor described in subsection (a).



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