

SB3119



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Introduced 2/8/2010, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 107/45

Amends the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act. Provides that a qualified applicant for licensure as a professional counselor must be a graduate of a master's or doctoral level program in the field of counseling, rehabilitation counseling, or psychology, or a similar degree program approved by the Department. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Professional Counselor and Clinical
5 Professional Counselor Licensing Act is amended by changing
6 Section 45 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 107/45)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

9 Sec. 45. Qualifications for a license.

10 (a) Professional counselor. A person is qualified to be
11 licensed as a licensed professional counselor, and the
12 Department shall issue a license authorizing the practice of
13 professional counseling to an applicant who:

14 (1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form and
15 has paid the required fee;

16 (2) is at least 21 years of age and has not engaged in
17 conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for
18 discipline under this Act;

19 (3) is a graduate of: ~~(A)~~ a master's or doctoral level
20 program in the field of counseling, rehabilitation
21 counseling, or psychology, or a similar degree program
22 approved by the Department; ~~or~~

23 ~~(B) an approved baccalaureate program in human~~

~~services or similar degree program approved by the Department and can document the equivalent of 5 years of full-time satisfactory supervised experience, as established by rule, under a qualified supervisor;~~

(4) has passed an examination for the practice of professional counseling as authorized by the Department; and

(5) has paid the fees required by this Act.

Any person who has received certification by any State or national organization whose standards are accepted by the Department as being substantially similar to the standards in this Act may apply for a professional counselor license and need not be examined further.

(b) Clinical professional counselor. A person is qualified to be licensed as a clinical professional counselor, and the Department shall issue a license authorizing the practice of clinical professional counseling to an applicant who:

(1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form and has paid the required fee;

(2) is at least 21 years of age and has not engaged in conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for discipline under this Act;

(3) is a graduate of:

(A) a master's level program in the field of counseling, rehabilitation counseling, psychology, or similar degree program approved by the Department and

1 has completed the equivalent of 2 years full-time
2 satisfactory supervised employment or experience
3 working as a clinical counselor under the direction of
4 a qualified supervisor subsequent to the degree; or

5 (B) a doctoral program in the field of counseling,
6 rehabilitation counseling, psychology, or similar
7 program approved by the Department and has completed
8 the equivalent of 2 years full-time satisfactory
9 supervised employment or experience working as a
10 clinical counselor under the direction of a qualified
11 supervisor, at least one year of which is subsequent to
12 the degree;

13 (4) has passed the examination for the practice of
14 clinical professional counseling as authorized by the
15 Department; and

16 (5) has paid the fees required by this Act.

17 Any person who has received certification by any State or
18 national organization whose standards are accepted by the
19 Department as being substantially similar to the standards in
20 this Act may apply for a clinical professional counselor
21 license, and need not be examined further.

22 (c) Examination for applicants under this Act shall be held
23 at the discretion of the Department from time to time but not
24 less than once each year. The examination used shall be
25 authorized by the Department.

26 (d) Upon application and payment of the required fee, an

1 applicant who has an active license as a clinical psychologist
2 or a clinical social worker licensed under the laws of this
3 State may, without examination, be granted registration as a
4 licensed clinical professional counselor by the Department.
5 (Source: P.A. 92-719, eff. 7-25-02.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.