

R156-60c-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Education Requirements.

(1) Pursuant to Subsection 58-60-405(1)(d)(i), an applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor shall:

(a) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours completed as part of a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in clinical mental health counseling or counselor education and supervision from a program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP); or

(b)(i) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours as part of a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field from a program affiliated with an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

(ii) A program under Subsection (1)(b)(i) shall include the following graduate level course work:

(A) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in professional counseling orientation and ethical practice based on the standards of the American Counseling Association (ACA), American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA), or National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC);

(B) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in social and cultural diversity;

(C) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in group counseling and group work;

(D) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in human growth and development ~~across the life span~~;

(E) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in career development;

(F) a minimum of six semester or eight quarter hours in counseling and helping relationships ~~including theory and skills in counseling and psychotherapy with individuals, couples or families~~;

(G) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in substance-related use and ~~addictive disorders or addictive or compulsive behaviors~~;

(H) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in assessment and testing ~~psychometric test and measurement theory~~;

(I) a minimum of four semester or six quarter hours in ~~assessment of~~ mental status examination and including the appraisal of DSM maladaptive and psychopathological behavior;

(J) a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in research and program evaluation ~~in clinical mental health counseling~~;

(K) a minimum of four semester or six quarter hours of internship or practicum as defined in Subsection R156-60c-102(1) or (2) that includes combined completion of at least 1,000 hours of supervised clinical training of which at least 400 hours shall be in providing clinical mental health therapy counseling directly to clients as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7); and

(L) a minimum of 34 semester or 52 quarter hours of course work related to the practice of counseling of which no more than six semester or eight quarter hours of credit for thesis, dissertation or project hours shall be counted toward the required hours in this subsection.

R156-60c-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60, or this rule:

- (1) "Internship" means:
 - (a) one or more courses completed as part of a program at an accredited school:
 - (i) in a public or private agency engaged in the clinical practice of mental health therapy as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7); and
 - (ii) under supervision provided by a qualified mental health training supervisor as defined in Section R156-60c-401.
- (2) "Deficiency", as used in Subsection 58-60-117 (1) (d), means:
 - (a) no more than a combined total of six semester or nine quarter hours in:
 - (i) group counseling and group work;
 - (ii) human growth and development;
 - (iii) career development;
 - (iv) substance-related and addictive disorders; and
 - (v) research and program evaluation.
- (23) "Practicum" means:
 - (a) one or more courses completed as part of a program at an accredited school:
 - (i) in a public or private agency engaged in the clinical practice of mental health therapy as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7); and
 - (ii) under supervision provided by a qualified mental health training supervisor as defined in Section R156-60c-401.
- (34) "Unprofessional conduct" as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60 is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-60c-502.