

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 a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in clinical mental health counseling, professional counseling or counselor education from a program affiliated with an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and includes:

(i) at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours'; and

(ii) internship or practicum courses as defined in Subsection R156-60c-102(1) or (2) that include combined completion of at least 700 hours of supervised clinical training of which at least 280 hours shall be in providing clinical mental health counseling directly to clients as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7); or

(b) (i) submit certification of education equivalency of a clinical mental health counseling, professional counseling or counselor education degree from a credentialing agency approved by the Division in collaboration with Board.

(ii) The credentialing agency approved to provide certification and evaluate equivalency under Subsection (1) (b) (i) is the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE).

(2) The following requirements shall be considered in order to establish equivalency under Subsection (1)(b)(i):

(a) completion of at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours as part of a master's or doctorate degree with a major study in counseling from a an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and includes a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in:

(i) professional counseling orientation and ethical practice;

(ii) social and cultural diversity;

(iii) human growth and development across the life span;

(iv) career development, counseling and decision making;

(v) counseling and helping relationships;

(vi) group counseling and group work;

(vii) assessment and testing; and

(viii) research and program evaluation.

(b) completion of internship or practicum courses as defined in Subsection R156-60c-102(1) or (2) that includes combined completion of at least 700 hours of supervised clinical training of which at least 280 hours shall be in providing clinical mental health counseling directly to clients as defined in Subsection 58-60-102(7).