



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4757-13-03 Requirements for licensure as a licensed professional clinical counselor.

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(A) In addition to meeting educational and other requirements as established in rules 4757-13-01 and 4757-13-02 of the Administrative Code, applicants for licensed professional clinical counselor shall meet the following experience and examination requirements as a licensed professional counselor:

- (1) An applicant with a qualifying master's or other graduate degree which is not a doctorate in counseling shall have completed two years of post-licensed professional counselor supervised experience in clinical counseling, which includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.
- (2) An applicant with a doctorate in counseling shall have completed two years of supervised experience in clinical counseling, which includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders. At least one year and a minimum of fifteen hundred hours of supervised experience shall be completed after the award of the doctoral degree and as a licensed professional counselor and one year and a maximum of fifteen hundred hours of supervised experience may be completed as a part of a doctoral internship at a board approved counselor education program.
- (3) An applicant licensed as a licensed professional counselor by this board prior to the requirement of sixty semester hours and the clinical coursework in paragraph (A)(5) of rule 4757-13-01 of the Administrative Code, shall use supervised experience as a professional counselor to meet this requirement.
- (4) A minimum of two years of supervised practice by the applicants shall be in a clinical setting, which shall have a primary focus on the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders. Each year of supervised experience in clinical counseling required under section 4757.22 of the Revised Code and under this rule shall meet paragraphs (A)(4)(a), (A)(4)(b) and (B) of this rule unless the committee approves experience under paragraph (A)(4)(c) or (A)(4)(d) of this rule.
 - (a) At least fifteen hundred hours of work, by the applicant, of which a minimum of fifty per cent of the work consists of face-to-face client contact involving the delivery of clinical counseling services, which include the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders. Not more than fifteen hundred hours of experience may be accrued in any twelve month period. If the supervised experience totaled less than the fifteen hundred hours, in a twelve month period credit will be granted for the fraction of a year's experience represented by the number of hours worked; and
 - (b) The experience was under the direct supervision of a licensed professional clinical counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist, independent social worker



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with a clinical area of competence, or other independently licensed mental health professional acceptable to the counselor professional standards committee. All supervision obtained in Ohio shall be provided by a licensed professional clinical counselor with supervision designation. Exceptions to this rule, due to hardship, shall be made in writing to the committee.

- (c) Supervised counseling experience obtained out of state may count toward the supervised experience requirement. Applicants shall request this consideration in writing from the counselor professional standards committee. If licensed in another state with more than five years clinical experience, applicants shall apply under rule 4757-13-06 of the Administrative Code.
 - (d) Elementary or secondary schools and college or university academic advising, admissions, and placement centers are not clinical settings where diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders are routinely within the scope of practice. Applicants who believe that they are conducting diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders have the burden of proving to the counselor professional standards committee that their experience meets the requirements as defined in paragraphs (A)(4)(a) to (A)(4)(c) of this rule.
- (B) An applicant for licensed professional clinical counselor shall pass a field evaluation prescribed by the board to evaluate the applicant's competence in diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders. The applicant shall further provide supervision evaluations within thirty days following the completion of the first fifteen hundred hours of supervised experience required under paragraph (A) of this rule, and again, at the completion of the full three thousand hours of supervised experience on forms provided by the board.
- (1) The field evaluation shall contain documented evidence of the quality, scope and nature of the applicant's field experience and competence in diagnosis and treating mental and emotional disorders and be submitted on a form prescribed by the counselor professional standards committee.
 - (2) The field evaluation shall be completed by the applicant's supervising counselors.
 - (3) The supervision evaluations shall be completed by the supervising counselor for the applicant within thirty days of the accumulation of fifteen hundred and three thousand total hours of supervised experience.



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- (C) An applicant for licensed professional clinical counselor shall successfully complete the licensure examination prescribed by the counselor professional standards committee within two years of application. Applicants shall have passed the required examination within seven years of application date, unless they are currently licensed in an equivalent capacity in another state and passed the prescribed examination as part of the licensure requirements in that state;
- (D) Applicants, who are denied licensure, shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.