



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4758.40 Independent counselor license requirements.

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An individual seeking an independent chemical dependency counselor license shall meet all of the following requirements:

(A) Hold from an accredited educational institution at least a master's degree in a behavioral science or nursing that meets the course requirements specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code;

(B) Have not less than the number of hours specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code of compensated work or supervised internship experience in any of the following, not less than twenty per cent of which are in substance use disorder counseling:

(1) Substance use disorder services;

(2) The practice of psychology, as defined in section 4732.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) The practice of professional counseling, the practice of social work, or the practice of marriage and family therapy, all as defined in section 4757.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) Have a minimum of the number of hours specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code of training in substance use disorders that meets the requirements specified in those rules;

(D) Unless the individual holds a valid license, registration, certificate, or credentials issued under another chapter of the Revised Code that authorizes the individual to engage in a profession whose scope of practice includes substance use disorder counseling and diagnosing and treating substance use disorder conditions, pass one or more examinations administered pursuant to section 4758.22 of the Revised Code for the purpose of determining competence to practice as an independent chemical dependency counselor.



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