



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4758.42 Counselor II license requirements.

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An individual seeking a chemical dependency counselor II license shall meet the requirements of division (A) or (B) of this section.

(A) To meet the requirements of this division, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Hold from an accredited educational institution an associate's degree in a behavioral science or nursing or a bachelor's degree in any field;

(2) 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:

(a) Substance use disorder services;

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

(c) 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.

(3) 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;

(4) Pass one or more examinations administered pursuant to section 4758.22 of the Revised Code for the purpose of determining competence to practice as a chemical dependency counselor II.

(B) To meet the requirements of this division, an individual must meet all of the following



requirements:

(1) Hold from an accredited educational institution an associate's or bachelor's degree in either of the following with a specialization in substance use disorder counseling:

(a) A behavioral science;

(b) Nursing.

(2) Have a minimum of one hundred eighty hours of education in substance use disorders that meets the requirements specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code;

(3) While holding a valid chemical dependency counselor assistant certificate, have successfully completed, over the course of not more than any two semesters, at least two hundred forty hours of supervised practicum experience in substance use disorder treatment through a program that meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The program includes at least two hours per week of supervised practicum experience;

(b) The program provides intensive outpatient treatment or a higher level of care, or another level of care if specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code;

(c) The program meets other requirements specified in rules adopted under that section.

(4) Have at least one thousand hours of compensated work experience as a chemical dependency counselor assistant;

(5) Provide to the chemical dependency professionals board a written recommendation from an individual who supervised the individual's practice of substance use disorder counseling as a chemical dependency counselor assistant as required by division (B) of section 4758.59 of the Revised Code;

(6) Pass one or more examinations administered pursuant to section 4758.22 of the Revised Code for



the purpose of determining competence to practice as a chemical dependency counselor II.