

**102-7-4a. Licensure without examination.** (a) Each applicant for licensure as an addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor shall request the appropriate licensure application forms from the executive director of the board.

(b) Each applicant for licensure as an addiction counselor without examination shall submit the completed application materials to the board and meet the following requirements:

(1) Submit a certificate or written statement issued by the credentialing organization verifying that the applicant was registered or credentialed as an alcohol or other drug counselor pursuant to L. 2011, ch. 114, sec. 12, and amendments thereto, at any time from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011;

(2) submit an attestation, on a board-approved form, by the applicant that the applicant's last Kansas alcohol or other drug registration or credential was not suspended or revoked;

(3) submit documentation verifying that the applicant has completed two hours each of continuing education in ethics, confidentiality, and infectious disease during the three years immediately preceding application;

(4) submit, on board-approved forms, references from two professionals. Each individual submitting a reference shall meet all of the following conditions:

(A) Not be related to the applicant;

(B) be authorized to engage in the practice of addiction counseling or to practice in a related field; and

(C) be able to address the applicant's competence to perform the duties of an addiction counselor; and

(5) pay the application fee specified in K.A.R. 102-7-2.

(c) Each applicant for licensure as a clinical addiction counselor without examination shall submit to the board all application materials prescribed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4), in addition to the following items:

(1) Documentation verifying that the applicant has completed six hours of continuing education in the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders during the three years immediately preceding the application date;

(2) (A) Documentation verifying that the applicant is authorized to practice independently as a licensed specialist clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical psychotherapist, licensed psychologist, mental health advanced registered nurse practitioner, or advanced practice registered nurse or is a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery; or

(B) (i) An official transcript verifying that the applicant holds a master's degree in a related field; and

(ii) an attestation, on a board-approved form, that the applicant has engaged in the practice, supervision, or administration of addiction counseling for at least four years with an average of at least eight hours each week for at least nine months of each of the four years; and

(3) payment of the application fee specified in K.A.R. 102-7-2.

(d) The following provisions shall apply to each applicant for licensure as an addiction counselor and each applicant for licensure as a clinical addiction counselor:

(1) An applicant shall not be given a judgment on the applicant's eligibility for licensure until the board receives all application materials and the applicant completes all application procedures.

(2) Upon notification from the board that all eligibility requirements for licensure without examination have been satisfied, the applicant shall submit the fee for the original two-year licensure period as specified in K.A.R. 102-7-2.

(3)(A) If any of the following conditions applies to the applicant, the applicant's application shall expire one year from the date on which it was submitted to the board:

(i) The applicant has not met the qualifications for licensure.

(ii) The applicant has not submitted a complete application.

(iii) The applicant has not submitted the original license fee.

(B) Upon expiration of the application, the applicant may submit a new application, the required fee, and all supporting documents if the applicant wishes to reapply.

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