

102-2-12. Licensed specialist clinical social work licensure requirements.

(a) Educational requirements. In order for an applicant who earns a degree before July 1, 2003 to qualify for licensure as a licensed specialist clinical social worker, the applicant shall meet, as a part of or in addition to the educational requirements provided in K.S.A. 65-6306, and amendments thereto, the following educational requirements:

- (1) Satisfactory completion of at least three graduate academic hours in a discrete academic course whose primary and explicit focus is upon psychopathology and the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders classified in the diagnostic manuals commonly used as a part of accepted social work practice;
- (2) satisfactory completion of a graduate-level, clinically oriented social work practicum that fulfills these requirements:
 - (A) Is taken after completion of the graduate-level, clinically focused academic courses that are prerequisite to entering the clinical practicum;
 - (B) is an integrated, conceptually organized academic experience and is not an after-the-fact tabulation of clinical experience;
 - (C) occurs in a practice setting that, by its nature and function, clearly supports clinical social work practice and consistently provides opportunities for the supervised application of clinical social work practice knowledge, skills, values, and ethics; and
 - (D) provides training and close supervision in a wide range of clinical social work practice activities with a population of clients presenting a diverse set of problems and backgrounds.

(b) Each applicant for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker who earns a degree on or after July 1, 2003 shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Satisfactory completion of 15 graduate-level credit hours supporting diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders using the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. Three of the 15 credit hours shall consist of a discrete academic course whose primary and explicit focus is upon psychopathology and the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders as classified in the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders. The 15 graduate-level credit hours shall be from a social work program accredited by the council on social work education or a social work program in substantial compliance as prescribed in K.A.R. 102-2-6 and approved by the board; and

(2) completion of one of the following experience requirements:

- (A) A graduate-level, supervised clinical practicum of professional experience that includes psychotherapy and assessment. The practicum shall integrate diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as identified in K.A.R. 102-2-14 and shall include not less than 350 hours of direct client contact; or

(B) postgraduate supervised experience including psychotherapy and assessment. The experience shall integrate diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, as specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. The experience shall consist of not less than 700 hours of supervised experience, including not less than 350 hours of direct client contact. This experience shall be in addition to the 4,000 hours of postgraduate, supervised experience required for each licensed specialist clinical social worker, as specified in subsection (c). The applicant shall provide documentation of this postgraduate experience on board-approved forms.

The supervision shall comply with K.A.R. 102-2-8 and K.A.R. 102-2-12(c) and shall be in addition to the supervision requirements in K.A.R. 102-2-12(c)(4).

(c) Each applicant for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker shall fulfill the following requirements:

(1) Develop and co-sign with the supervisor a clinical supervision training plan for the postgraduate supervised clinical experience required under K.S.A. 65-6306 and amendments thereto, on forms provided by the board. The applicant shall submit this plan to the board for consideration for approval before beginning clinical supervision. The clinical supervision training plan shall comply with K.A.R. 102-2-8. If changes or amendments to the plan occur after initial board approval, these changes or amendments shall be submitted to the board for consideration for approval;

(2) complete, in not less than two years and not more than six years, a minimum of 4,000 hours of satisfactorily evaluated postgraduate, supervised clinical social work practice experience under the supervision of a qualified licensed specialist clinical social worker.

A minimum of 2,000 hours of the applicant's total postgraduate, supervised clinical experience shall consist of a combination of the following types of social work services:

(A) At least 1,500 hours of direct client contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments with individuals, couples, families, or groups; and

(B) up to 500 hours of providing clinical social work practice services;

(3) complete all required practice under supervision in accordance with K.A.R. 102-2-8; and

(4) participate in a minimum of 100 supervisory meetings consisting of not less than 150 hours of clinical supervision. A minimum of 75 hours of the 150 required hours of supervision shall be individual supervision, of which at least 50 hours shall be obtained in person. The remainder of the 150 required hours may be obtained in person or, if confidentiality is technologically protected, by videoconferencing. Each applicant using videoconferencing shall provide written verification of the technological security measure implemented. The supervision shall integrate the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with the use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. A maximum of two hours of supervision shall be counted for each 20 hours of clinical social work practice.

(d) At the time of the individual's application for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker, the applicant's supervisor shall submit documentation that is satisfactory to the board and that enables the board to evaluate the nature, quality, and quantity of the applicant's supervised clinical social work experience. This documentation shall include the following information:

(1) A written summary of the types of clients and situations dealt with during the supervisory sessions;

(2) a written summary that addresses the degree to which the goals and objectives of supervision have been met;

(3) a written statement and supportive documentation that describes the applicant's practice setting and provides a summary of the applicant's practice activities and responsibilities that occurred while under supervision;

(4) a statement indicating whether or not the applicant merits the public trust; and

(5) an evaluation of the applicant's supervised clinical social work experience.

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