

Language on Requirements for Student Temporary Addiction Counselor Licenses
in 2023 Sub. for SB 131, Section 23(g) to (i)

(g) A person may apply to the board for a student temporary addiction counselor license to practice as a student temporary addiction counselor, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, by:

(1) Providing documentation of completing at least 60 credit hours from an institution of higher education with an emphasis in addiction counseling or a related field, as defined by the board in rules and regulations;

(2) providing a signed attestation indicating the applicant's intention to pursue licensure as a licensed addiction counselor with a plan to complete the education requirements toward a licensed addiction counseling license within 48 months;

(3) providing an education plan, signed by an official of the institution of higher education, including steps to obtain coursework necessary to receive an addiction counselor license;

(4) providing a signed attestation from a prospective employer who intends to offer employment when the applicant receives the student temporary addiction counselor license;

(5) submitting a supervision plan signed by a person who is employed by the prospective employer and who would be providing supervision to the applicant under K.S.A. 65-6611(i), and amendments thereto. Such supervision plan shall include not less than four hours of supervision per month and not fewer than two supervision meetings per month. A maximum of two hours per month may be in group supervision;

(6) satisfying the board that the applicant is a person who merits the public trust;

(7) attaining 20 years of age; and

(8) paying a fee for a student temporary addiction counselor license established under K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto.

(h) A student temporary addiction counselor license issued by the board shall expire upon the date the board issues the person a permanent license to practice addiction counseling or 24 months after the date of issuance of the student temporary addiction counselor license. A student temporary addiction counselor license may be renewed for one additional 24-month period by demonstrating:

(1) Evidence of the person's compliance with the education plan, including completion of coursework and remaining in good standing with the institution of higher education;

(2) changes or updates to the education plan signed by a representative of the institution of higher education;

(3) evidence of supervision logs signed by the supervisor and student for the periods of supervision; and

(4) paying a fee for renewal of a student temporary addiction counselor license established under K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto.

(i) No person may practice addiction counseling under a student temporary addiction counselor license except in a licensed or certified alcohol and other drug abuse program, a certified community behavioral health clinic or a community mental health center, supervised by a person licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board as an addiction counselor, master's addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor or other individual licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board holding a license as a master's social worker, specialist clinical social worker, professional counselor, clinical professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, clinical marriage and family therapist, master's level psychologist, clinical psychotherapist or psychologist.