**Section 1280.50 Application for Licensure as an Associate Sex Offender Provider**

a) A person is qualified for licensure as an associate sex offender provider if that person:

1) has applied in writing on forms prepared and furnished by the Department;

2) has not engaged or is not engaged in any practice or conduct that would be grounds for disciplining a licensee under Section 75 of the Act;

3) has demonstrated compliance with the educational requirement as set forth in Section 35(c) of the Act and Section 1280.50(b); and

4) has paid the required fee set forth in Section 1280.100.

b) Applicants must provide evidence that the person holds a master's degree or higher from a program at a college, university or school that is a regionally accredited institution and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in one of the following subjects:

1) social work;

2) psychology;

3) marriage and family therapy;

4) counseling; or

5) psychiatry.

c) Master's degrees or higher in a closely related behavioral or mental health science may be approved by the Department if the educational content is equivalent to the content of the degrees listed in subsection (b).

d) The Division, upon recommendation of the Board, has determined that issuance of a license in this State as one of the entities listed in this subsection (d) shall be evidence of completion of an acceptable educational program. For the purposes of this Section, the license does not need to be active at the time of application.

1) A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 or an equivalent license under the laws of another state;

2) An advanced practice nurse with psychiatric specialty licensed under the Nurse Practice Act;

3) A clinical psychologist licensed under the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act;

4) A licensed clinical social worker licensed under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act;

5) A licensed clinical professional counselor licensed under the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act; or

6) A licensed marriage and family therapist licensed under the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act.

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