

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Professional Counselor and Clinical
5 Professional Counselor Licensing Act is amended by changing
6 Section 45 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 107/45)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

9 Sec. 45. Qualifications for a license.

10 (a) Professional counselor. A person is qualified to be
11 licensed as a licensed professional counselor, and the
12 Department shall issue a license authorizing the practice of
13 professional counseling to an applicant who:

14 (1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form and
15 has paid the required fee;

16 (2) is at least 21 years of age and has not engaged in
17 conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for
18 discipline under this Act;

19 (3) is a graduate of:

20 (A) a master's or doctoral level program in the
21 field of counseling, rehabilitation counseling,
22 psychology, or similar degree program approved by the
23 Department; or

1 (B) in the case of an applicant who applies for
2 licensure before the effective date of this amendatory
3 Act of the 96th General Assembly, an approved
4 baccalaureate program in human services or similar
5 degree program approved by the Department and can
6 document the equivalent of 5 years of full-time
7 satisfactory supervised experience, as established by
8 rule, under a qualified supervisor;

9 (4) has passed an examination for the practice of
10 professional counseling as authorized by the Department;
11 and

12 (5) has paid the fees required by this Act.

13 Any person who has received certification by any State or
14 national organization whose standards are accepted by the
15 Department as being substantially similar to the standards in
16 this Act may apply for a professional counselor license and
17 need not be examined further.

18 (b) Clinical professional counselor. A person is qualified
19 to be licensed as a clinical professional counselor, and the
20 Department shall issue a license authorizing the practice of
21 clinical professional counseling to an applicant who:

22 (1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form and
23 has paid the required fee;

24 (2) is at least 21 years of age and has not engaged in
25 conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for
26 discipline under this Act;

1 (3) is a graduate of:

2 (A) a master's level program in the field of
3 counseling, rehabilitation counseling, psychology, or
4 similar degree program approved by the Department and
5 has completed the equivalent of 2 years full-time
6 satisfactory supervised employment or experience
7 working as a clinical counselor under the direction of
8 a qualified supervisor subsequent to the degree; or

9 (B) a doctoral program in the field of counseling,
10 rehabilitation counseling, psychology, or similar
11 program approved by the Department and has completed
12 the equivalent of 2 years full-time satisfactory
13 supervised employment or experience working as a
14 clinical counselor under the direction of a qualified
15 supervisor, at least one year of which is subsequent to
16 the degree;

17 (4) has passed the examination for the practice of
18 clinical professional counseling as authorized by the
19 Department; and

20 (5) has paid the fees required by this Act.

21 Any person who has received certification by any State or
22 national organization whose standards are accepted by the
23 Department as being substantially similar to the standards in
24 this Act may apply for a clinical professional counselor
25 license, and need not be examined further.

26 (c) Examination for applicants under this Act shall be held

1 at the discretion of the Department from time to time but not
2 less than once each year. The examination used shall be
3 authorized by the Department.

4 (d) Upon application and payment of the required fee, an
5 applicant who has an active license as a clinical psychologist
6 or a clinical social worker licensed under the laws of this
7 State may, without examination, be granted registration as a
8 licensed clinical professional counselor by the Department.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-719, eff. 7-25-02.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.