

CHAPTER 36**(SB 114)**

AN ACT relating to qualifications for drug and alcohol counselors.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 309.083 is amended to read as follows:

An applicant for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor shall pay the board the initial fee for certification, and shall:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Have obtained a baccalaureate degree, ~~except as provided in KRS 309.084~~;
- ~~(3) Have obtained a master's degree if required by KRS 309.084;~~
- ~~(4)~~ Have completed six thousand (6,000) hours of board-approved experience working with alcohol or drug dependent persons, three hundred (300) hours of which shall have been under the direct supervision of a certified alcohol and drug counselor who has at least two (2) years of post-certification experience;
- ~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ Have completed at least two hundred seventy (270) classroom hours of board-approved curriculum;
- ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ Have passed a written examination that has been approved by the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and an oral examination approved by the board;
- ~~(6)~~~~(7)~~ Have signed an agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of ethics approved by the board;
- ~~(7)~~~~(8)~~ Have completed at least six (6) hours of ethics training and two (2) hours of training in the transmission, control, treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus; and
- ~~(8)~~~~(9)~~ Have submitted two (2) letters of reference from certified alcohol and drug counselors.

Section 2. KRS 309.084 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon application made prior to January 1, 1997, and payment of the initial certification fee, any person who is certified by the Kentucky Certification Board of Chemical Dependency Professionals prior to January 1, 1997, shall be deemed to be certified pursuant to KRS 309.080 to 309.089.
- (2) After July 15, 1996, the board shall certify any applicant who meets all of the requirements set out in KRS 309.083, pays the fees established by the board, and is not disqualified pursuant to KRS 309.086.
- (3) Upon application and payment of the prescribed fees, any person who is and has been approved by the Kentucky Certification Board of Chemical Dependency Professionals as a trainee, prior to July 15, 1996, shall be certified without meeting the requirement of KRS 309.083(2) if he satisfies all the other requirements of that section, prior to December 31, 1997.

~~[(4) After January 1, 2005, a requirement for certification shall include a master's degree in addictions or a related field as determined by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation. KRS 309.083(2) shall not apply after December 31, 2004.]~~

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