

1 AN ACT relating to licensed professional counselor associates.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 335.510 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors is created and shall
5 consist of seven (7) members who shall reside in the Commonwealth and be
6 appointed by the Governor. One (1) of the members shall be a citizen at large. **One**
7 **(1) of the members shall be a licensed professional counselor associate. The** ~~and~~
8 ~~the~~ remaining **five (5)** ~~six (6)~~ members shall be licensed professional clinical
9 counselors. The licensed professional clinical counselor members on the board shall
10 have been licensed as professional clinical counselors in the Commonwealth for at
11 least two (2) years preceding their appointments. The citizen at large member shall
12 not be associated with or have a relative who is associated with the practice or
13 business of professional counseling. Neither the citizen at large nor his relatives
14 shall have a financial interest in the practice or business of professional counseling.
- 15 (2) All appointments and vacancies to the board shall be filled by the Governor.
16 Appointments and vacancies of counselor members shall be filled by the Governor
17 from a list of three (3) names for each position to be filled that is submitted by the
18 Kentucky Mental Health Counseling Association. Vacancies shall be filled for the
19 remainder of the unexpired terms and in the same manner as set out in this
20 subsection.
- 21 (3) The length of a term of board appointment shall be four (4) years. A board member
22 shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- 23 (4) The board shall elect a chair from its membership, and a chair shall be elected
24 annually but shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms. Four
25 (4) members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
- 26 (5) The board shall hold two (2) meetings annually to give examinations pursuant to
27 KRS 335.515 and may hold additional meetings as the board deems necessary. The

1 additional meetings may be held upon call of the chair or upon the written request
2 of three (3) or more board members.

3 (6) The Governor shall remove a member from the board, for cause only.

4 (7) A member of the board who is a citizen at large shall be disqualified from his or her
5 seat on the board if:

6 (a) He or she, a member of his or her household, or a relative becomes associated
7 with or financially interested in the business of professional counseling;

8 (b) He or she, a member of his or her household, or a relative becomes, or is in
9 training to become, a licensed professional clinical counselor; or

10 (c) He or she ceases to reside in the Commonwealth.

11 (8) A counselor member or counselor associate member of the board shall be
12 disqualified from his or her seat on the board if:

13 (a) He or she has been determined by the board or a court to have violated the
14 code of professional ethics or practice standards established pursuant to KRS
15 335.500 to 335.599;

16 (b) He or she ceases to be a licensed professional clinical counselor; or

17 (c) He or she ceases to reside in the Commonwealth.

18 (9) Each board member shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per day for each day
19 of service actually given in carrying out his or her duties under KRS 335.500 to
20 335.599, and shall also be reimbursed the necessary traveling, hotel, and contingent
21 expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the board and in performing the
22 duties of the board.

23 ➔Section 2. KRS 335.525 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The board shall issue a "professional clinical counselor" license to an applicant
25 who:

26 (a) Has paid the application fee and the appropriate examination fee to the board;

27 (b) Is of good moral character;

- 1 (c) Has received a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in counseling or a
2 related field from a regionally accredited institution;
- 3 (d) Has completed a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester hours in the
4 following:
- 5 1. The helping relationship, including counseling theory and practice;
 - 6 2. Human growth and development;
 - 7 3. Lifestyle and career development;
 - 8 4. Group dynamics, process, counseling, and consulting;
 - 9 5. Assessment, appraisal, and testing of individuals;
 - 10 6. Social and cultural foundations, including multicultural issues;
 - 11 7. Principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning, and prevention of
12 mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior;
 - 13 8. Research and evaluation; and
 - 14 9. Professional orientation and ethics;
- 15 (e) Has completed a minimum of four thousand (4,000) hours of experience in the
16 practice of counseling, all of which must have been obtained since obtaining
17 the master's degree and must be under approved supervision and shall include
18 but not be limited to a minimum of one thousand six hundred (1,600) hours of
19 direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups and a
20 minimum of one hundred (100) hours of individual, face-to-face clinical
21 supervision with an approved supervisor. Each applicant is encouraged to
22 include as part of the total hours of experience a minimum of ten (10) hours of
23 direct counseling with individuals in a jail or corrections setting. All
24 applicants shall complete an organized practicum or internship consisting of at
25 least four hundred (400) hours; and
- 26 (f) Has achieved passing scores on all portions of the examinations required by
27 the board.

1 (2) The board may issue a "professional counselor associate" license to an applicant
2 who:

3 (a) Has completed all requirements under paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (1)
4 of this section;

5 (b) Has not met the requirements of paragraphs (e) or (f) of subsection (1) of this
6 section; and

7 (c) Has obtained a board-approved supervisor of record.

8 **The board may grant temporary approval of a new supervisor agreement for an**
9 **applicant who has met the requirements of this subsection until it can be**
10 **officially approved or disproved at the next meeting.**

11 (3) (a) On July 15, 2002, a previously certified professional counselor in Kentucky
12 shall be entitled to use the term "licensed professional clinical counselor" and
13 shall be issued a professional clinical counselor license upon annual renewal.

14 (b) An applicant who has been issued a professional clinical counselor license
15 shall be entitled to use the title "licensed professional clinical counselor."

16 (4) (a) On July 15, 2002, a previously certified professional counselor associate shall
17 be entitled to use the term "licensed professional counselor associate" and
18 shall be issued a professional counselor associate license upon annual
19 renewal.

20 (b) An applicant who has been issued a professional counselor associate license
21 shall be entitled to use the title "licensed professional counselor associate."

22 (5) (a) A licensed professional counselor associate shall maintain ongoing
23 supervision as approved by the board.

24 (b) A licensed professional counselor associate may apply for the credential of
25 licensed professional clinical counselor upon completion of the hours of
26 experience and passing the examinations required under paragraphs (e) and (f)
27 of subsection (1) of this section.

- 1 (6) The application fee for licensure and the examination fee shall be established
- 2 pursuant to administrative regulation promulgated by the board.