§17–301. Required licensing by the Board.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, clinical professional art therapy, or clinical professional counseling in the State unless licensed by the Board.

(b) Subject to the regulations of the Board, subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) A student working under the supervision of a licensed mental health care provider while pursuing a supervised course of study in counseling that the Board approves as qualifying training and experience under this title; or

(2) An individual who, in accordance with § 17–406 of this title, is working as a trainee under the supervision of a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor or another health care provider licensed or certified under this article and approved by the Board while fulfilling the experiential or course of study requirements under § 17–302 of this subtitle or § 17–403 or § 17–404 of this title.

(c) This subtitle may not be construed to limit the scope of practice of any individual who is duly licensed under this article.

§17–302. Qualifications – Clinical alcohol and drug counselors.

(a) To qualify for a license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) (1) Except as provided in § 17–305 of this subtitle, the applicant shall at a minimum:

(i) Hold a master’s or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field from a regionally accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board; or

(ii) Hold a master’s degree from a regionally accredited educational institution and have completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter as required under this section.
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(2) The applicant shall have completed a minimum of 60 semester credit hours or 90 quarter credit hours approved by the Board.

(3) The applicant shall have completed a minimum of 39 semester credit hours or 65 quarter credit hour training in alcohol and drug counselor training, including:
   (i) A 3 semester credit hour or 5 quarter credit hour course taken at a regionally accredited educational institution in each of the following:
       1. Medical aspects of chemical dependency;
       2. Group counseling;
       3. Individual counseling;
       4. Family counseling;
       5. Addictions treatment delivery;
       6. Ethics that includes alcohol and drug counseling issues;
       7. Human development;
       8. Abnormal psychology;
       9. Theories of counseling;
       10. Treatment of co–occurring disorders; and
       11. Topics in substance–related and addictive disorders;
   and
   (ii) An internship in alcohol and drug counseling that totals 6 semester credit hours or 10 quarter credit hours.

(e) The applicant shall:
   (1) Have completed not less than 2 years with a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised experience in alcohol and drug counseling, which shall have been completed after the award of the master’s or doctoral degree; and
   (2) Provide documentation as required by the Board evidencing the completion of the postgraduate experience required under item (1) of this subsection.

(f) The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of 60 hours of graduate course work, completed at a regionally accredited educational institution approved by the Board that included training in:
   (1) Personality development;
   (2) Diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders;
   (3) Psychopathology; and
   (4) Psychotherapy.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass:
   (1) An examination approved by the Board; and
   (2) The law examination on this title administered by the Board.
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§17–303. Qualifications – Clinical marriage and family therapists.

(a) To qualify for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) (1) Except as provided in § 17–306 of this subtitle, the applicant shall hold a master's or doctoral degree in a marriage and family field from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board or have completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training as required under this section.

(2) In the case of an applicant holding a doctoral degree, the applicant shall have completed a minimum of 90 graduate credit hours in training in marriage and family therapy approved by the Board that includes instruction in the following specialized areas:
   (i) Analysis of family systems;
   (ii) Family therapy, theory, and techniques;
   (iii) Couples therapy, theory, and techniques;
   (iv) Gender and ethnicity in marriage and family therapy; and
   (v) Sexual issues in marriage and family therapy.

(3) In the case of an applicant holding only a master's degree, the applicant shall have completed a minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in training in marriage and family therapy approved by the Board that includes instruction in the specialized areas set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(e) The applicant shall have completed not less than 2 years with a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised experience in marriage and family therapy approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master's or doctoral degree or its substantial equivalent.

(f) The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of 60 hours of graduate course work completed at an accredited college or university approved by the Board, that included training in:
   (1) Personality development;
   (2) Diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders;
   (3) Psychopathology;
   (4) Family therapy; and
   (5) Psychotherapy.

(g) The applicant shall provide documentation evidencing the completion of 2 years of postgraduate supervised clinical experience as required by the Board.
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§17–303. Qualifications – Clinical marriage and family therapists.

(h) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination approved by the Board.

§17–304. Qualifications – Clinical professional counselors.

(a) Except as provided in § 17–307 of this subtitle, to qualify for a license to practice clinical professional counseling, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) (1) The applicant shall hold a master’s or doctoral degree in a professional counseling field from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board. (2) In the case of an applicant holding a doctoral degree, the applicant shall have completed:

(i) A minimum of 90 graduate credit hours in counselor training approved by the Board, including instruction in:

1. Counseling theory and ethics;
2. Counseling techniques;
3. Human growth and development and maladaptive behaviors;
4. Group dynamics, processing, and counseling;
5. Social and cultural foundations;
6. Lifestyle and career development;
7. Appraisal of individuals;
8. Research and evaluation;
9. Participation in a supervised practicum in professional counseling;
10. Marriage and family therapy; and
11. Alcohol and drug counseling; and

(ii) Not less than 2 years of supervised experience in counseling approved by the Board, 1 year of which shall have been completed after the award of the doctoral degree.

(3) In the case of an applicant holding only a master’s degree, the applicant shall have completed:

(i) A minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in counselor training in the areas set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection; and
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(ii) Not less than 3 years, with a minimum of 3,000 hours, of supervised experience in counseling approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master’s degree.

(e) The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of 60 hours of graduate coursework in the applicant’s respective area of practice from an accredited college or university program approved by the Board, including training in:

(1) Personality development;
(2) Diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders;
(3) Psychopathology; and
(4) Psychotherapy.

(f) The applicant shall provide documentation evidencing the completion of 2 years of postgraduate supervised experience as required by the Board.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination approved by the Board.

§17–304.1. Qualifications – Clinical professional art therapists.

(a) Except as provided in §§ 17–304.2 and 17–307.1 of this subtitle, to qualify for a license to practice clinical professional art therapy, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) (1) The applicant shall hold a master’s or doctoral degree in art therapy from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board.

(2) In the case of an applicant holding a doctoral degree, the applicant shall have completed:

(i) A minimum of 90 graduate credit hours in an art therapy program accredited by the American Art Therapy Association and approved by the Board; and

(ii) Not less than 2 years of supervised experience in art therapy approved by the Board, 1 year of which shall have been completed after the award of the doctoral degree.

(3) In the case of an applicant holding only a master’s degree, the applicant shall have completed:
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§17–304.1. Qualifications – Clinical professional art therapist.

(i) A minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in an art therapy program accredited by the American Art Therapy Association and approved by the Board; and

(ii) Not less than 3 years, with a minimum of 3,000 hours, of supervised experience in art therapy approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master’s degree.

(e) The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of 60 hours of graduate course work in art therapy from an accredited college or university program that is accredited by the American Art Therapy Association, approved by the Board, and includes training in:

1. Personality development;
2. Diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders;
3. Psychopathology;
4. Psychotherapy;
5. Marriage and family therapy;
6. Addictions; and
7. Lifestyle and career development.

(f) The applicant shall provide documentation evidencing the completion of 2 years of postgraduate supervised experience as required by the Board.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass the Art Therapy Credentials Board Exam.

§17–304.2. Waiver of requirements – Practice of licensed clinical professional art therapy.

The Board shall waive the requirements for the practice of licensed clinical professional art therapy under § 17–304.1(d) through (g) of this subtitle if, on or before October 1, 2014, the applicant provides the Board with documentation showing:

1. Current certification by the Art Therapy Credentials Board, Inc.; and
2. Completion of 3 years of full–time experience providing art therapy.

§17–305. Waiver of requirements – Clinical alcohol and drug counselors.

(a) The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling if the applicant:
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§17–305. Waiver of requirements – Clinical alcohol and drug counselors.

(1) Is licensed or certified as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of § 17–302 of this subtitle;

(2) Submits an application to the Board on a form that the Board requires; and

(3) Pays to the Board an application fee set by the Board.

(b) The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

§17–306. Waiver of requirements – Clinical marriage and family therapists.

(a) The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical marriage and family therapy if the applicant:

(1) Is licensed or certified as a clinical marriage and family therapist in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of § 17–303 of this subtitle;

(2) Submits an application on the form that the Board requires; and

(3) Pays to the Board the application fee set by the Board.

(b) The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

§17–307. Waiver of requirements – Clinical professional counselors.

(a) The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical professional counseling if the applicant:

(1) Is licensed or certified as a clinical professional counselor in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of § 17–304 of this subtitle;

(2) Submits an application to the Board on a form that the Board requires; and

(3) Pays to the Board an application fee set by the Board.

(b) The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.
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(a) The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to practice clinical professional art therapy if the applicant:

(1) Is licensed as a clinical professional art therapist in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of § 17–304.1 of this subtitle;

(2) Submits an application to the Board on a form that the Board requires; and

(3) Pays to the Board an application fee set by the Board.

(b) The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

§17–308. Authority granted by license.

(a) A license authorizes the licensee to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, clinical professional counseling, or clinical professional art therapy while the license is effective.

(b) An individual licensed under this subtitle may provide services involving the application of counseling principles and methods in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of psychological problems, emotional conditions, or mental conditions of individuals or groups.

§17–309. Supervised clinical practice.

(a) The Board may adopt regulations to allow an individual to practice under clinical supervision as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, a licensed graduate professional counselor, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist.

(b) To qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, a licensed graduate professional counselor, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist, an individual shall be:

(1) Of good moral character; and

(2) At least 18 years old.

(c) An individual may practice graduate alcohol and drug counseling under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:
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(1) At a minimum, a master’s or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field from a regionally accredited educational institution;

(2) A minimum of 27 semester credit hours or 41 quarter credit hours in alcohol and drug counselor training, including:

   (i) A 3 semester credit hour or 5 quarter credit hour course taken at a regionally accredited educational institution in each of the following:
       1. Medical aspects of chemical dependency;
       2. Addictions treatment delivery;
       3. Ethics that includes alcohol and drug counseling issues;
       4. Abnormal psychology;
       5. Group counseling; and
       6. Individual counseling; and

   (ii) Any three of the following 3 semester credit hour or 5 quarter credit hour courses taken at a regionally accredited educational institution:
       1. Family counseling;
       2. Theories of counseling;
       3. Human development;
       4. Topics in substance–related and addictive disorders;
       5. Treatment of co–occurring disorders; and

(3) Passed:

   (i) A national alcohol and drug counselor examination approved by the Board; and

   (ii) The law examination on this title administered by the Board.

(d) An individual may practice graduate marriage and family therapy under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:

   (1) A master’s or doctoral degree in a marriage and family field that meets the educational requirements of § 17–303 of this subtitle; and

   (2) Passed the National Marriage and Family Therapy Examination approved by the Board.

(e) An individual may practice graduate professional counseling under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:

   (1) A master’s or doctoral degree in a professional counseling field that meets the educational requirements of § 17–304 of this subtitle; and

   (2) Passed the National Professional Counselor Examination approved by the Board.
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§17–309. Supervised clinical practice.

(f) An individual may practice graduate professional art therapy under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has a master’s or doctoral degree in art therapy that meets the educational requirements of § 17–304.1 of this subtitle.

(g) An individual may not practice without approval by the Board.

§17–310. Appraisal activities; training requirements.

A licensed counselor or therapist may engage in appraisal activities that include instruments that require specialized psychological training for administration and interpretation if the licensed counselor or therapist has completed training that includes:

(1) Possession of a doctoral or master’s degree in counseling or a related field that includes a minimum of nine graduate courses of at least 3 semester hours in each of the following courses:

(i) Psychopathology;
(ii) Biological bases of behavior;
(iii) Research methods;
(iv) Advanced statistics;
(v) Tests and measures;
(vi) Intellectual assessment;
(vii) Personality assessment;
(viii) Ethics; and
(ix) Practicum in advanced assessment;

(2) Completion of 500 hours of supervised, direct, client–related, advanced assessment testing that is completed not less than 2 years following the completion of the master’s degree, of which a minimum of 100 hours shall include face–to–face supervision by a supervisor who is:

(i) A licensed mental health professional;
(ii) Proficient in the use of advanced assessment tests; and
(iii) Approved by the Board; and

(3) Passage of a national examination that includes items on advanced assessment that evaluate knowledge of advanced assessment procedures.