

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : ON CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 08-094
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION : (s. 227.19 (3), Stats.)
AND LICENSING :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

No new or revised forms are required by these rules.

III. FISCAL ESTIMATES:

The Department of Regulation and Licensing estimates that this rule will require staff time in the Office of Legal Counsel and the Division of Professional Credentialing. The total one-time salary and fringe costs are estimated at \$1,564 for the two divisions. The ongoing salary and fringe costs for the Office of Legal Counsel are estimated at \$563. The department finds that this rule has no significant fiscal effect on the private sector.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

Currently, an applicant for a clinical substance abuse counselor credential must complete and pass the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium's (IC&RC) written examination and case presentation method interview. As of June 1, 2008, the IC&RC discontinued the case presentation method interview and replaced it by adding a new section to its written examination. This proposed rule repeals the requirement that an applicant pass the IC&RC's case presentation method interview.

This proposed rule also amends the rule that requires an applicant for a clinical substance abuse counselor credential to pass the IC&RC's written examination. The amendment makes the current rule conform to a previously passed emergency rule that allowed the department to continue to administer the case presentation method interview until December 31, 2008. This rule allows applicants who passed the written examination before June 1, 2008, to qualify for a credential if they either retook the written examination after June 1, 2008, or successfully passed the case presentation method interview before January 1, 2009.

V. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A public hearing was held on November 11, 2008. There were no appearances at the public hearing and no written comments were received.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report were accepted in whole.

VII. FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

These rules will have no significant economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats.

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