

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, : CR 17-079
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND :
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

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

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: n/a

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

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

The proposed rule clarifies the requirements for the supervised internship counseling experience is similar to the supervised practicum counseling experience in that the experience includes group supervision that is provided on a regular schedule throughout the internship by a program faculty member or a student supervisor.

The proposed rule also corrects an inadvertent error in CR 13-009. The current rule allows for courses to be taken outside of the master's program to reach the program equivalency. However, CR 13-009, which goes into effect on September 1, 2018, removes this provision which will create a barrier for some people to come into the profession. This proposed rule will restore the option for courses to be taken outside of the master's program.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board held a public hearing on December 5, 2017. No one testified at the hearing, or submitted written comments.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Comment 2b: To accomplish the proposed changes in Section 1, the agency should consider amending s. MPSW 14.01 (2) (b), rather than repealing and recreating the paragraph. By amending the paragraph, the new underscored language would better identify the change to the existing rule. [s. 1.065, Manual.]

Response: The existing rule is not current in effect. The Board believes it will be clearer for stakeholders to repeal and recreate this paragraph.

Comment 2d: In Section 3, the agency could consider adding the phrase “or doctoral degree in a field closely related to professional counseling or rehabilitation counseling” after “master’s degree” to maintain consistency with the language in s. MPSW 14.01 (1), which requires equivalency course work be “part of a program of studies leading to a master’s degree or doctoral degree in a field closely related to professional counseling or rehabilitation counseling”.

Response: MPSW 14.01 is academic program equivalent to a master’s degree in professional counseling. Section 3 is going into this section. MPSW 14.02 is the section for academic program equivalent to a doctoral degree in professional counseling.

Comment 5c: In the rule summary’s description of Michigan’s rule, the agency could consider identifying the specific group supervision and equivalency requirements, if any, under the 2009 standards of the councils identified.

Response: The Board is unable to obtain the 2009 standards for the councils identified.

All of the remaining recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

There is no economic impact on small businesses.