

## **Report From Agency**

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

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<b>IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :</b>	
<b>PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE :</b>	<b>REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE</b>
<b>MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, :</b>	<b>CR 25-003</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND :</b>	
<b>SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD :</b>	
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#### **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 Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board completed a comprehensive review of chapter MPSW 3 to update the requirements regarding supervised practice and made the following changes:

- Clarified subsection MPSW 3.07 (3) to comply with s. 457.08, Stats., relating to requirements for licensure as an independent social worker.
- Clarified subsection MPSW 3.09 (3m) relating to applicants for licensure as a clinical worker who have accrued some of their supervised hours out of state. The clarification makes the provision more in line with the provision for supervised hours accrued in the state.

#### **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 April 23, 2025. No public comments were received.

## **VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Comment 5.a.:** In ss. MPSW 3.07 (3) and 3.09 (3m), consider whether “after receiving a master’s or doctoral degree” is necessary because being certified as an advanced practice social worker includes, as a requirement, graduating with a master’s or doctoral degree in social work.

**Response:** The Board rejects this comment because the language is consistent with the language in MPSW 3.09 (3) and the Board is concerned that eliminating the language would cause confusion with applicants by making them think that they could start accruing their supervised hours before the completion of their degree.

**Comment 5.b.:** In s. MPSW 3.07 (3), consider whether to define “full-time” or “full-time supervised social work practice”.

**Response:** The Board rejects this comment because they do not think that these terms need to be defined, and they are concerned about unintended consequences.

**Comment 2.d.:** Consider whether an initial applicability clause should be included to account for individuals who are obtaining supervised social work practice experience when the rule takes effect.

**Response:** The Board rejects this comment because the purpose of the rule project is to clarify a process that is already in place, which makes an initial applicability clause unnecessary and potentially confusing.

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

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

N/A