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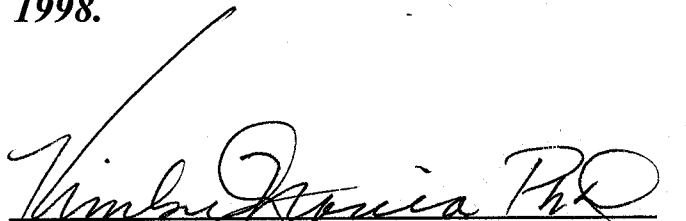
**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Kimberly Nania, Director, Bureau of Health Service Professions in the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, do hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Professional Counselors Section on the 27th day of August, 1998.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 27th day of August, 1998.


Kimberly Nania, Director, Bureau of Health Service Professions, Department of Regulation and Licensing

STATE OF WISCONSIN
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL : WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY : THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL : COUNSELORS ADOPTING RULES
COUNSELORS : (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 97-119)

ORDER

-- An order of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors to repeal SFC 1.05 (2) and (4); to amend SFC 14.01 (2) (intro.) and 14.02 (2); and to create SFC 11.035, relating to examination requirements and procedures, academic programs equivalent to master's and doctorate degrees in professional counseling, and temporary certificates for professional counselors.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 457.03, Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 457.12 (2), 457.14 and 457.16, Stats.

In this proposed rule-making order the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors repeals administrative rules relating to examination requirements and procedures, creates a temporary certificate issued to professional counselor applicants and amends the rules to specify the minimum credit hours for each required course for professional counselors.

Section SFC 1.05 (2) and (4) are being repealed to delete the requirement of submitting a photograph to sit for the examination and the provision that the section chairperson or a proctor may announce examination protocol. Candidates now take computer adapted examinations and receive their instruction via computer.

Section SFC 11.035 is being created to allow professional counselor applicants who meet the appropriate educational and experience requirements to receive a temporary certificate. The certificate allows the certificate holder to use the title "professional counselor" prior to taking the examination. The temporary certificate expires upon notification of failure of the examination or expiration of the 9 month period, whichever comes first.

Sections SFC 14.01 (2) (intro.) and 14.02 (2) are being amended to specify the minimum number of credits candidates must have to fulfill the requirements for the professional counselor educational equivalency. The rules require that the candidate have at least 3 credit semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in a supervised counseling practicum, a counseling theory course and 6 of the 8 professional counselor topic areas. The Professional Counselors Section believes that courses with less than the aforementioned hours do not contain the academic depth requirement necessary to grasp the concepts of professional counseling education. Current rule does not specify the minimum number of course hours.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. SFC 1.05 (2) and (4) are repealed.

SECTION 2. SFC 11.035 is created to read:

SFC 11.035 TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE. The section may issue a temporary certificate permitting the use of the title "professional counselor" to an individual who pays the fee under s. 440.05 (6), Stats., and who meets all the qualifications for the certificate except for passing the required examination. The temporary certificate expires 9 months after its issuance or upon notification of failure of passing the required examination under s. 457.12 (4), Stats., whichever occurs earlier. The temporary certificate may not be renewed.

SECTION 3. SFC 14.01 (2) (intro.) is amended to read:

SFC 14.01 (2) (intro.) The course work included successful completion of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in a supervised counseling practicum; a counseling theory course; and at least one course of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in at least 6 of the following 8 topic areas; and the course work included a total of at least 42 semester hours or 63 quarter hours of academic credit in counseling related courses distributed among at least 6 of the following 8 topic areas:

SECTION 4. SFC 14.02 (2) is amended to read:

SFC 14.02 (2) The course work included successful completion of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in a supervised counseling practicum; a counseling theory course; and at least one course of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in each of the 8 topic areas defined in s. SFC ~~12.01~~ 14.01 (2); and the course work included at least 48 semester hours of 72 quarter hours of academic credit distributed among those 8 counseling related topic areas.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated

8/27/98

Agency



Chairperson

Examining Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists and
Professional Counselors

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State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 1998

TO: Gary Poulson
Assistant Revisor of Statutes

FROM: Pamela A. Haack, Administrative Rules Coordinator
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Office of Administrative Rules

SUBJECT: Final Order Adopting Rules

**Agency: EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS SECTION**

Attached is a copy and a certified copy of a final order adopting rules. Would you please publish these rules in the register.

Please stamp or sign a copy of this letter to acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.

