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**58-60-405 Qualifications for licensure.**

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor shall:
  - (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
  - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
  - (c) be of good moral character;
  - (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of:
    - (i) an education and degree in an education program in counseling with a core curriculum defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203 preparing one to competently engage in mental health therapy; and
    - (ii) an earned doctoral or master's degree resulting from that education program;
  - (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of clinical mental health counselor training as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203:
    - (i) in not less than two years;
    - (ii) under the supervision of a clinical mental health counselor, psychiatrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, registered psychiatric mental health nurse specialist, or marriage and family therapist supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with the board;
    - (iii) obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection (1)(d); and
    - (iv) including a minimum of two hours of training in suicide prevention via a course that the division designates as approved;
  - (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection (1)(d), which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training in Subsection (1)(e), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 100 of the hours were obtained under the direct supervision of a mental health therapist, as defined by rule; and
  - (g) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section 58-1-203.
- (2)
  - (a) An applicant for licensure as an associate clinical mental health counselor shall comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), and (d).
  - (b) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(c), an individual's licensure as an associate clinical mental health counselor is limited to the period of time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(e) and (f) and extends not more than one year from the date the minimum requirement for training is completed.
  - (c) The time period under Subsection (2)(b) may be extended to a maximum of two years past the date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed, if the applicant presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the appropriate board that the individual is:
    - (i) making reasonable progress toward passing of the qualifying examination for that profession;  
or
    - (ii) otherwise on a course reasonably expected to lead to licensure.

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