

Part 3 Licensing

58-40-301 Licensure required -- License classifications.

- (1) A license is required to engage in the practice of recreational therapy, except as specifically provided in Section 58-40-305 or 58-1-307.
- (2) The division shall issue to a person who qualifies under this chapter a license in the classification of:
 - (a) master therapeutic recreation specialist;
 - (b) therapeutic recreation specialist; or
 - (c) therapeutic recreation technician.

Enacted by Chapter 82, 2012 General Session

58-40-302 Qualifications for licensure.

- (1) An applicant for licensure under this chapter shall:
 - (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
 - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; and
 - (c) be of good moral character.
- (2) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), an applicant for licensure as a master therapeutic recreation specialist under this chapter shall as defined by division rule:
 - (a) complete an approved graduate degree;
 - (b) complete 4,000 qualifying hours of paid experience as:
 - (i) a licensed therapeutic recreation specialist if completed in the state; or
 - (ii) a certified therapeutic recreation specialist certified by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification if completed outside of the state; and
 - (c) pass an approved examination.
- (3) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), an applicant for licensure as a therapeutic recreation specialist under this chapter shall, as defined by division rule:
 - (a) complete an approved:
 - (i) bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation or recreational therapy;
 - (ii) bachelor's degree with an approved emphasis, option, or concentration in therapeutic recreation or recreational therapy; or
 - (iii) graduate degree;
 - (b) complete an approved practicum; and
 - (c) pass an approved examination.
- (4) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), an applicant for licensure as a therapeutic recreation technician under this chapter shall, as defined by division rule:
 - (a) have a high school diploma or GED equivalent;
 - (b) complete an approved:
 - (i) educational course in therapeutic recreation taught by a licensed master therapeutic recreation specialist; or
 - (ii) six semester hours or nine quarter hours in therapeutic recreation or recreational therapy from an accredited college or university;
 - (c) complete an approved practicum under the supervision of:
 - (i) a licensed master therapeutic recreation specialist; or
 - (ii) an on-site, full-time, employed therapeutic recreation specialist;

- (d) pass an approved examination; and
- (e) complete a minimum of two hours of training in suicide prevention via a course that the division designates as approved.

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58-40-303 Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.

- (1) The division shall issue a license under this chapter in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule.
- (2) The division may, by rule, extend or shorten a renewal cycle by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycles it administers.
- (3) A license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless the licensee renews it in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

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58-40-304 Continuing education.

- (1) In collaboration with the board, the division shall make rules to provide that as a condition precedent for license renewal, a licensee shall complete continuing education requirements during each license period.
- (2) In addition to a continuing education requirement provided by the division under Subsection (1), the division shall require a licensee, as a condition of renewal of the licensee's license, to complete a minimum of two hours of training in suicide prevention via a course that the division designates as approved.

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58-40-305 Exemptions from licensure.

In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, a person may conduct or participate in a recreational activity without being licensed under this chapter if the person is using the recreational activity for the sole outcome of the recreational experience and is not using recreational activity as a therapeutic intervention following the therapeutic recreation process.

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