

1 **MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

2 **ACT AMENDMENTS**

3 2003 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: D. Chris Buttars**

6 **This act modifies the Mental Health Professional Practice Act by establishing**
7 **qualifications for clinical worker supervisors.**

8 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

9 AMENDS:

10 **58-60-205**, as last amended by Chapter 28, Laws of Utah 1995

11 ENACTS:

12 **58-60-208**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

14 Section 1. Section **58-60-205** is amended to read:

15 **58-60-205. Qualifications for licensure as a clinical or certified social worker and**
16 **social service worker.**

17 (1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall:

18 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

19 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

20 (c) be of good moral character;

21 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
22 recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of
23 an education and earned degree as follows:

24 (i) an earned master's degree in social work resulting from completion of an education
25 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or

26 (ii) an earned doctoral degree in social work that results from successful completion of
27 a clinical concentration and practicum approved by the division and defined by rule under



28 Section 58-1-203;

29 (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of clinical social work training as
30 defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203 in not less than two years and under the
31 supervision of a clinical social worker supervisor approved by the division in collaboration
32 with the board;

33 (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training
34 in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection
35 (1)(d), which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training in Subsection
36 (1)(e), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 100 of the hours were
37 obtained under the direct personal face to face supervision of a clinical social worker [~~approved~~
38 ~~by the division in collaboration with the board~~] qualified under Section 58-60-208;

39 (g) have completed a case work, group work, or family treatment course sequence with
40 a clinical practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203; and

41 (h) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

42 (2) An applicant for licensure as a certified social worker shall:

43 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

44 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

45 (c) be of good moral character;

46 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
47 recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying
48 satisfactory completion of an education and an earned degree as follows:

49 (i) a social work education program accredited by the Council on Social Work
50 Education and an earned master's degree resulting from completion of that program; or

51 (ii) an education program that contains approved clinical social work concentration and
52 practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203 and an earned doctorate
53 resulting from completion of that program; and

54 (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

55 (3) An applicant for licensure as a social service worker shall:

56 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

57 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

58 (c) be of good moral character;

59 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
60 recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying
61 satisfactory completion of an earned degree resulting from education as follows:

62 (i) a bachelor's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social
63 Work Education;

64 (ii) a master's degree in a field approved by the division in collaboration with the social
65 worker board; or

66 (iii) a bachelor's degree in sociology, psychology, family sciences, or other field
67 approved by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board and also
68 documentation of 2,000 hours of supervised social work activity approved by the division in
69 collaboration with the board, which is performed after completing bachelor's degree
70 requirements under this Subsection (3);

71 (iv) a bachelor's degree in any field, if the applicant has completed:

72 (A) the equivalent of three credit hours of course work or other approved training in
73 full-life human growth behavior, abnormal psychology, social work values and ethics, social
74 welfare, or social welfare policy;

75 (B) an approved social work practice methods course; and

76 (C) one year of qualifying experience under the supervision of a licensed certified or
77 clinical social worker, which experience is approved by the division in collaboration with the
78 Social Worker Licensing Board, and which is performed after completion of the requirements
79 to obtain the bachelor's degree required under this Subsection (3); or

80 (v) successful completion of the first academic year of a Council on Social Work
81 Education approved master's of social work curriculum and practicum; and

82 (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

83 Section 2. Section **58-60-208** is enacted to read:

84 **58-60-208. Clinical social worker supervisors -- Qualifications.**

85 (1) Each person acting as a clinical social worker supervisor shall:

86 (a) have at least two years of clinical experience as a clinical social worker since the
87 date of first licensure as a clinical social worker; and

88 (b) either:

89 (i) be approved as a supervisor by a national clinical social worker professional

90 organization; or
91 (ii) meet the criteria established by division rule.
92 (2) An individual who acts as a supervisor without meeting the requirements of this
93 section is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

No fiscal impact.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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