

Senator D. Chris Butters proposes the following substitute bill:

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

ACT AMENDMENTS

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: D. Chris Butters

This act modifies the Mental Health Professional Practice Act by allowing applicants for licensure as certified social workers to practice mental health therapy under the supervision of a clinical social worker under certain conditions.

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

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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 an education and earned degree as follows:

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

(ii) an earned doctoral degree in social work that results from successful completion of



26 a clinical concentration and practicum approved by the division and defined by rule under
27 Section 58-1-203;

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

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

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

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

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

42 [~~(a)~~] (i) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

43 [~~(b)~~] (ii) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

44 [~~(c)~~] (iii) be of good moral character;

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

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

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

53 [~~(e)~~] (v) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

54 (b) (i) An applicant who satisfies the requirements of Subsections (2)(a)(i), (ii), (iii),
55 and (iv) may perform mental health therapy under the supervision of a clinical social worker
56 prior to passing the examination required under Subsection (2)(a)(v).

57 (ii) Subsection (2)(b)(i) applies for one year from the date the applicant meets all the
58 requirements of Subsections (2)(a)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) or until the applicant successfully
59 passes the examination under Subsection (2)(a)(e), whichever occurs first.

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

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

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

63 (c) be of good moral character;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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