

Senator Michael S. Kennedy proposes the following substitute bill:

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

House Sponsor: Merrill F. Nelson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to clinical mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► ~~§~~ → [reduces] increases ← ~~§~~ the maximum amount of time that an individual may practice as an associate clinical mental health counselor or associate marriage and family therapist;

► repeals a reporting requirement; and

► extends the sunset date for a provision that creates a pathway to obtain licensure as an associate clinical mental health counselor.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-60-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339



57 (2) (a) All applicants for licensure as an associate marriage and family therapist shall
58 comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), and (c).

59 (b) An individual's license as an associate marriage and family therapist is limited to
60 the period of time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(d) and
61 (e) and extends not more than [~~one year~~] two years from the date the minimum requirement for
62 training is completed, unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and
63 the appropriate board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward passing of the
64 qualifying examination for that profession or is otherwise on a course reasonably expected to
65 lead to licensure, but the period of time under this Subsection (2)(b) may not exceed [~~two~~] four
66 years past the date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed.

67 Section 2. Section ~~58-60-405~~ is amended to read:

68 **58-60-405. Qualifications for licensure.**

69 (1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor shall:

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

71 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

72 (c) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of:

73 (i) a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in:

74 (A) clinical mental health counseling, clinical rehabilitation counseling, counselor
75 education and supervision from a program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of
76 Counseling and Related Educational Programs; or

77 (B) clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field from a program affiliated
78 with an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education
79 Accreditation; and

80 (ii) at least 60 semester credit hours or 90 quarter credit hours of coursework related to
81 an educational program described in Subsection ~~Ĥ~~ → [(1)(d)(i)] (1)(c)(i) ← Ĥ ;

82 (d) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of clinical mental health counselor
83 training as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203:

84 (i) in not less than two years;

85 (ii) under the supervision of a clinical mental health counselor, psychiatrist,
86 psychologist, clinical social worker, registered psychiatric mental health nurse specialist, or
87 marriage and family therapist supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with the