1	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSING AMENDMENTS
2	2024 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
5	House Sponsor: A. Cory Maloy
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	Committee Note:
9	The Business and Labor Interim Committee recommended this bill.
10	Legislative Vote: 12 voting for 1 voting against 8 absent
11	General Description:
12	This bill amends behavioral health licensing provisions.
13	Highlighted Provisions:
14	This bill:
15	 requires the division to consider interstate portability and make recommendations
16	regarding Utah's membership in any interstate licensing compacts;
17	 expands the types of licensees who may participate in the Utah Professionals Health
18	Program;
19	 establishes that mental health disorders and substance use disorders qualify an
20	individual licensee for the Utah Professionals Health Program's alternative path to
21	public disciplinary action;
22	 creates the Behavioral Health Board, a multi-professional board to replace certain
23	individual license boards;
24	 establishes who may supervise an applicant for licensure's supervised clinical hours;
25	 expands the number of applicants for licensure a supervising licensee may
26	supervise;
27	 reduces the number of clinical hours an applicant for licensure must complete to



28 obtain certain licensures; • increases the number of supervised clinical hours an applicant for licensure must 29 30 complete to obtain certain licensures: 31 creates an alternative pathway to certain licensures through increased direct contact 32 client hours and supervised clinical hours, in lieu of examination requirements; 33 • creates the licenses of master addiction counselor and associate master addiction 34 counselor; and 35 • makes technical corrections. 36 Money Appropriated in this Bill: 37 None 38 **Other Special Clauses:** 39 None 40 **Utah Code Sections Affected:** 41 AMENDS: **58-1-106**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 318 42 58-4a-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 328 43 44 58-4a-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 107 45 58-40-102, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 82 46 **58-60-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 313 47 **58-60-109**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339 48 58-60-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 78, 214 49 **58-60-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 283, 339 50 **58-60-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 339 51 58-60-302, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 32 52 **58-60-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 339 53 **58-60-307**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 393 54 **58-60-402.** as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012. Chapter 179 **58-60-405**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 339 55 **58-60-407**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339 56 57 **58-60-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 393

58-60-504, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 179

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             58-60-506, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
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             58-61-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 16, 123
             58-61-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
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             58-84-102, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 340
             58-84-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
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      ENACTS:
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             58-60-102.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953
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             58-60-512, Utah Code Annotated 1953
      REPEALS:
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             58-40-201, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 82
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             58-60-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 214
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             58-60-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 159
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             58-60-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 179
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             58-60-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 179
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             58-61-201. as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015. Chapter 367
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             58-78-201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 122
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      Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
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Section 1. Section **58-1-106** is amended to read:

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58-1-106. Division -- Duties, functions, and responsibilities.

- (1) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the division include the following:
- (a) prescribing, adopting, and enforcing rules to administer this title;
- (b) investigating the activities of any person whose occupation or profession is regulated or governed by the laws and rules administered and enforced by the division;
- (c) subpoening witnesses, taking evidence, and requiring by subpoena duces tecum the production of any books, papers, documents, records, contracts, recordings, tapes, correspondence, or information relevant to an investigation upon a finding of sufficient need by the director or by the director's designee;
- (d) taking administrative and judicial action against persons in violation of the laws and rules administered and enforced by the division, including the issuance of cease and desist orders;

90	(e) seeking injunctions and temporary restraining orders to restrain unauthorized
91	activity;
92	(f) complying with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act;
93	(g) issuing, refusing to issue, revoking, suspending, renewing, refusing to renew, or
94	otherwise acting upon any license;
95	(h) preparing and submitting to the governor and the Legislature an annual report of the
96	division's operations, activities, and goals;
97	(i) preparing and submitting to the executive director a budget of the expenses for the
98	division;
99	(j) establishing the time and place for the administration of examinations; [and]
100	(k) preparing lists of licensees and making these lists available to the public at cost
101	upon request unless otherwise prohibited by state or federal law[-]; and
102	(1) considering interstate portability and the preservation of licensing pathways that are
103	specific to Utah when making recommendations regarding membership in interstate licensing
104	compacts.
105	(2) The division may not include home telephone numbers or home addresses of
106	licensees on the lists prepared under Subsection (1)(k), except as otherwise provided by rules
107	of the division made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
108	Rulemaking Act.
109	(3) (a) The division may provide the home address or home telephone number of a
110	licensee on a list prepared under Subsection (1) upon the request of an individual who provides
111	proper identification and the reason for the request, in writing, to the division.
112	(b) A request under Subsection (3)(a) is limited to providing information on only one
113	licensee per request.
114	(c) The division shall provide, by rule, what constitutes proper identification under
115	Subsection (3)(a).
116	(4) (a) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
117	Records Access and Management Act, the division may share licensee information with:
118	(i) the division's contracted agents when sharing the information in compliance with

(ii) a person who is evaluating the progress or monitoring the compliance of an

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state or federal law; and

121	individual who has been disciplined by the division under this title.
122	(b) The division may make rules to implement the provisions of this Subsection (4).
123	(5) All rules made by the division under this title shall be made in accordance with
124	Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
125	Section 2. Section 58-4a-102 is amended to read:
126	58-4a-102. Definitions.
127	As used in this chapter:
128	(1) "Diversion agreement" means a written agreement entered into by a licensee and
129	the division that describes the requirements of the licensee's monitoring regimen and that was
130	entered into before May 12, 2020.
131	(2) "Licensee" means an individual licensed to practice under:
132	(a) Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;
133	(b) Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;
134	(c) Title 58, Chapter 28, Veterinary Practice Act;
135	(d) Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;
136	(e) Title 58, Chapter 40, Recreational Therapy Practice Act;
137	(f) Title 58, Chapter 60, Mental Health Professional Practice Act;
138	(g) Title 58, Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act;
139	[(e)] (h) Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;
140	[(f)] (i) Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
141	[(g)] (j) Title 58, Chapter 69, Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act; [or]
142	[(h)] (k) Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act[:];
143	(1) Title 58, Chapter 78, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Licensing Act; or
144	(m) Title 58, Chapter 84, State Certification of Music Therapists Act.
145	(3) "Program" means the Utah Professionals Health Program.
146	(4) "Program contract" means a written agreement entered into by a licensee and the
147	division that allows the licensee to participate in the program.
148	(5) "Substance use disorder" means the same as that term is defined in Section
149	26B-5-501.
150	Section 3. Section 58-4a-103 is amended to read:

58-4a-103. Program established.

152	(1) The division, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
153	Rulemaking Act, shall establish the Utah Professionals Health Program to provide an
154	alternative to public disciplinary action for licensees who have [substance use] behavioral
155	health disorders, including mental health or substance use disorders.
156	(2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
157	division shall make rules governing the criteria for:
158	(a) entry into and participation of licensees in the program;
159	(b) successful completion of the program;
160	(c) expulsion from the program; and
161	(d) disqualifying a licensee from participation in the program.
162	(3) The division shall promote the program by:
163	(a) engaging in wellness education and outreach to licensees, students, and the
164	community in order to make them aware of the existence and purpose of the program;
165	(b) partnering with health care organizations, universities, trade associations, and other
166	stakeholder groups to promote professional awareness and wellness; and
167	(c) providing guidance to employers, colleagues, and family members on initiating
168	conversations with licensees about substance use.
169	Section 4. Section 58-40-102 is amended to read:
170	58-40-102. Definitions.
171	In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:
172	(1) "Approved" means approval by the division in collaboration with the board when
173	used to refer to a licensing requirement.
174	(2) (a) "Assessment" means:
175	(i) a systematic collection of data to identify the strengths and limitations of a person's
176	physical, cognitive, social, behavioral, emotional, spiritual, and leisure capabilities; and
177	(ii) interpreting and analyzing collected data to identify and determine a course of
178	action for recreational therapy services for a patient.
179	(b) "Assessment" includes:
180	(i) a record review;
181	(ii) the implementation of standardized and non-standardized instruments, tests, and
182	measurements; and

(iii) the skilled observation and interview of a person.

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- (3) "Board" means the [Board of Recreational Therapy] Behavioral Health Board created in [Section 58-40-201] Section 58-60-102.5.
- (4) "Practice of recreational therapy" means to engage in the paid performance of providing recreational therapy services according to the therapeutic recreation process to a person with an emotional, social, intellectual, or physical pathology.
- (5) "Recreational therapy" or "therapeutic recreation" means a person-centered process that uses recreation and psychoeducational activities as intervention tools to improve the physical, cognitive, social, behavioral, emotional, or spiritual well-being of a person with an illness or a disability.
- (6) (a) "Recreational therapy services" means using recreation and psychoeducational activities as intervention tools to improve or maintain the physical, cognitive, social, behavioral, emotional, or spiritual well-being of a person with an illness or a disability.
 - (b) "Recreational therapy services" include:
 - (i) assessing a person's need for recreational therapy treatment or intervention;
- (ii) developing an individualized treatment or intervention plan that identifies goals, objectives, and treatment strategies for a person;
 - (iii) implementing the individualized treatment or intervention plan:
- (iv) documenting a person's response to the individualized treatment or intervention plan, including documenting the overall outcome of the person's treatment;
- (v) regularly evaluating a person's response to the individualized treatment or intervention plan and modifying the plan when appropriate;
- (vi) in collaboration with a person, the person's family, or other team members, developing a discharge or transition plan for the person;
- (vii) serving as a resource to help a person find recreation opportunities that will promote the person's physical, cognitive, social, behavioral, emotional, or spiritual health and well-being; and
- (viii) organizing and managing recreational services according to a written plan of operation as defined by rule of the division.
- 212 (7) "Treatment or intervention plan" means a written record containing the information required by Section 58-40-602, which is composed for each patient by a person licensed under

214	this chapter as a master therapeutic recreation specialist or a therapeutic recreation specialist.
215	(8) "Unlawful conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-40-501.
216	(9) "Unprofessional conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-40-502.
217	Section 5. Section 58-60-102 is amended to read:
218	58-60-102. Definitions.
219	[In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as] As used in this chapter:
220	(1) "Board" means the Behavioral Health Board created in Section 58-60-102.5.
221	(2) "Client" or "patient" means an individual who consults or is examined or
222	interviewed by an individual licensed under this chapter who is acting in the individual's
223	professional capacity.
224	[(2)] (3) "Confidential communication" means information obtained by an individual
225	licensed under this chapter, including information obtained by the individual's examination of
226	the client or patient, which is:
227	(a) (i) transmitted between the client or patient and an individual licensed under this
228	chapter in the course of that relationship; or
229	(ii) transmitted among the client or patient, an individual licensed under this chapter,
230	and individuals who are participating in the diagnosis or treatment under the direction of an
231	individual licensed under this chapter, including members of the client's or patient's family; and
232	(b) made in confidence, for the diagnosis or treatment of the client or patient by the
233	individual licensed under this chapter, and by a means not intended to be disclosed to third
234	persons other than those individuals:
235	(i) present to further the interest of the client or patient in the consultation,
236	examination, or interview;
237	(ii) reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communications; or
238	(iii) participating in the diagnosis and treatment of the client or patient under the
239	direction of the mental health therapist.
240	[(3)] (4) "Direct client care" means the practice of mental health therapy performed as
241	an applicant for licensure.
242	(5) (a) "Direct clinical supervision" means an applicant for licensure and the applicant's
243	supervisor meeting in real time and in accordance with the applicant for licensure's supervision
244	contract as defined by division rule.

245	(b) "Direct clinical supervision" includes group supervision.
246	(6) "Direct observation" means observation of an applicant for licensure's live or
247	recorded direct client care:
248	(a) (i) by the applicant for licensure's direct clinical supervisor; or
249	(ii) another mental health therapist supervisor that the applicant for licensure's direct
250	clinical supervisor approves; and
251	(b) after which the applicant for licensure and the observer under Subsection (6)(a)
252	meet to discuss the direct client care for the purpose of developing the applicant for licensure's
253	clinical knowledge and skill.
254	(7) "Hypnosis" means, when referring to individuals exempted from licensure under
255	this chapter, a process by which an individual induces or assists another individual into a
256	hypnotic state without the use of drugs or other substances and for the purpose of increasing
257	motivation or to assist the individual to alter lifestyles or habits.
258	[(4)] (8) "Individual" means a natural person.
259	[(5)] (9) "Mental health therapist" means an individual who is practicing within the
260	scope of practice defined in the individual's respective licensing act and is licensed under this
261	title as:
262	(a) a physician and surgeon, or osteopathic physician engaged in the practice of mental
263	health therapy;
264	(b) an advanced practice registered nurse, specializing in psychiatric mental health
265	nursing;
266	(c) an advanced practice registered nurse intern, specializing in psychiatric mental
267	health nursing;
268	(d) a psychologist qualified to engage in the practice of mental health therapy;
269	(e) a certified psychology resident qualifying to engage in the practice of mental health
270	therapy;
271	(f) a physician assistant specializing in mental health care under Section 58-70a-501.1;
272	(g) a clinical social worker;
273	(h) a certified social worker;
274	(i) a marriage and family therapist;
275	(j) an associate marriage and family therapist;

276	(k) a clinical mental health counselor; [or]
277	(l) an associate clinical mental health counselor[-];
278	(m) a master addiction counselor; or
279	(n) an associate master addiction counselor.
280	[(6)] (10) "Mental illness" means a mental or emotional condition defined in an
281	approved diagnostic and statistical manual for mental disorders generally recognized in the
282	professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection $[(5)]$ (9) .
283	[(7)] (11) "Practice of mental health therapy" means treatment or prevention of mental
284	illness, whether in person or remotely, including:
285	(a) conducting a professional evaluation of an individual's condition of mental health,
286	mental illness, or emotional disorder consistent with standards generally recognized in the
287	professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection [(5)] (9);
288	(b) establishing a diagnosis in accordance with established written standards generally
289	recognized in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection [(5)] (9);
290	(c) prescribing a plan for the prevention or treatment of a condition of mental illness or
291	emotional disorder; and
292	(d) engaging in the conduct of professional intervention, including psychotherapy by
293	the application of established methods and procedures generally recognized in the professions
294	of mental health therapy listed under Subsection $[(5)]$ (9) .
295	[(8)] (12) "Remotely" means communicating via Internet, telephone, or other electronic
296	means that facilitate real-time audio or visual interaction between individuals when they are not
297	physically present in the same room at the same time.
298	(13) "Group supervision" means an applicant for licensure meeting with the applicant's
299	supervisor and at least one of the supervisor's other applicants for licensure:
300	(a) while the supervisor and the applicants:
301	(i) can see and openly communicate with each other; and
302	(ii) are present in the same room or via electronic video; and
303	(b) for the purpose of developing the applicants' clinical knowledge and skill.
304	$\left[\frac{(9)}{(14)}\right]$ "Unlawful conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-60-109.
305	[(10)] (15) "Unprofessional conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and
306	58-60-110, and may be further defined by division rule.

307		Section 6. Section 58-60-102.5 is enacted to read:
308		58-60-102.5. Behavioral Health Board Subcommittees.
309		(1) There is created the Behavioral Health Board consisting of:
310		(a) no less than four behavioral health care providers licensed in Utah to practice as a:
311		(i) clinical social worker;
312		(ii) marriage and family therapist;
313		(iii) clinical mental health counselor;
314		(iv) master addiction counselor; or
315		(v) psychologist under Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act;
316		(b) no less than three other behavioral health care providers licensed in Utah to practice
317	<u>as:</u>	
318		(i) a certified social worker;
319		(ii) a social service worker;
320		(iii) an associate marriage and family therapist;
321		(iv) an associate clinical mental health counselor;
322		(v) an associate master addiction counselor;
323		(vi) an advanced substance use disorder counselor;
324		(vii) a certified advanced substance use disorder counselor;
325		(viii) a substance use disorder counselor;
326		(ix) a certified substance use disorder counselor;
327		(x) a certified psychology resident;
328		(xi) a behavior analyst or specialist;
329		(xii) an assistant behavior analyst or specialist;
330		(xiii) a master therapeutic recreation specialist;
331		(xiv) a therapeutic recreation specialist;
332		(xv) a therapeutic recreation technician; or
333		(xvi) a certified music therapist;
334		(c) no less than four public members:
335		(i) who comprise no less than 1/3 of the total membership of the board;
336		(ii) who are not licensed to practice under:
337		(A) this chapter;

338	(B) Chapter 40, Recreational Therapy Practice Act,
339	(C) Chapter 61, Pyschologist Licensing Act; or
340	(D) Chapter 84, State Certification of Music Therapists Act; and
341	(iii) two of whom shall, at the time of appointment to the board, hold a leadership
342	position with:
343	(A) a behavioral health consumer advocacy organization;
344	(B) a behavioral health employer;
345	(C) a behavioral health payor;
346	(D) an academic institution conducting research related to the behavioral health
347	licenses under Subsection (3)(b), including public health, epidemiology, economics, and the
348	health care workforce;
349	(E) a training institution providing education credentials required for a license under
350	Subsection (3)(b);
351	(F) a licensed health care facility as defined in Section 26B-2-201; or
352	(G) a licensed human services program as defined in Section 26B-2-101; and
353	(d) one of whom the executive director of the Department of Health and Human
354	Services appoints.
355	(2) Board members shall be appointed, serve terms, and be compensated in accordance
356	with Section 58-1-201.
357	(3) The board shall:
358	(a) operate in accordance with Sections 58-1-202 and 58-1-203;
359	(b) regulate licenses under:
360	(i) this chapter;
361	(ii) Chapter 40, Recreational Therapy Practices Act;
362	(iii) Chapter 61, Pyschologist Licensing Act; and
363	(iv) Chapter 84, State Certification of Music Therapists Act;
364	(c) designate one or more of its members on a permanent or rotating basis to:
365	(i) assist the division in review of complaints concerning unlawful or unprofessional
366	practice by a licensee in any profession regulated by the board; and
367	(ii) advise the division regarding the conduct of investigations of the complaints; and
368	(d) disqualify any member from acting as a presiding officer in any administrative

309	procedure in which that member has previously reviewed the complaint or advised the division.
370	(4) (a) The division may by rule establish one or more subcommittees to consider and
371	advise the board regarding any aspect of licensing, including:
372	(i) client or patient access to qualified licensees;
373	(ii) education, examination, and supervision of applicants for licensure;
374	(iii) verification of applicant for licensure qualifications;
375	(iv) continuing education requirements;
376	(v) alternate pathways to licensure; and
377	(vi) probation and recovery assistance.
378	Section 7. Section 58-60-109 is amended to read:
379	58-60-109. Unlawful conduct.
380	As used in this chapter, "unlawful conduct" includes:
381	(1) practice of the following unless licensed in the appropriate classification or
382	exempted from licensure under this title:
383	(a) mental health therapy;
384	(b) clinical social work;
385	(c) certified social work;
386	(d) marriage and family therapy;
387	(e) clinical mental health [counselor] counseling;
388	(f) [practice as a social service worker] social service work;
389	(g) master addiction counseling; or
390	[(g)] <u>(h)</u> substance use disorder [counselor] <u>counseling</u> ;
391	(2) practice of mental health therapy by a licensed psychologist who has not acceptably
392	documented to the division the licensed psychologist's completion of the supervised training in
393	mental health therapy required under Subsection 58-61-304(1)(e); or
394	(3) representing oneself as, or using the title of, the following:
395	(a) unless currently licensed in a license classification under this title:
396	(i) psychiatrist;
397	(ii) psychologist;
398	(iii) registered psychiatric mental health nurse specialist;
399	(iv) mental health therapist;

400	(v) clinical social worker;
401	(vi) master addiction counselor;
402	[(vi)] <u>(vii)</u> certified social worker;
403	[(vii)] (viii) marriage and family therapist;
404	[(viii)] (ix) clinical mental health counselor;
405	[(ix)] (x) social service worker;
406	(xi) associate master addiction counselor;
407	[(x)] (xii) substance use disorder counselor;
408	[(xi)] (xiii) associate clinical mental health counselor; or
409	[(xii)] (xiv) associate marriage and family therapist; or
410	(b) unless currently in possession of the credentials described in Subsection (4), social
411	worker.
412	(4) An individual may represent oneself as a, or use the title of, social worker if the
413	individual possesses certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education,
414	recognized by the division in collaboration with the [Social Work Licensing Board] board,
415	verifying satisfactory completion of an education and an earned degree as follows:
416	(a) a bachelor's or master's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council
417	on Social Work Education or by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work; or
418	(b) a doctoral degree that contains a clinical social work concentration and practicum
419	approved by the division, by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
420	Administrative Rulemaking Act, that is consistent with Section 58-1-203.
421	Section 8. Section 58-60-202 is amended to read:
422	58-60-202. Definitions.
423	In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part:
424	[(1) "Board" means the Social Worker Licensing Board created in Section 58-60-203.]
425	[(2)] (1) (a) "Practice as a social service worker" means performance of general entry
426	level services under general supervision of a mental health therapist through the application of
427	social work theory, methods, and ethics in order to enhance the social or psychosocial
428	functioning of an individual, a couple, a family, a group, or a community, including:
429	(i) conducting:
430	(A) a non-clinical psychosocial assessment; or

431	(B) a home study;
432	(ii) collaborative planning and goal setting;
433	(iii) ongoing case management;
434	(iv) progress monitoring;
435	(v) supportive counseling;
436	(vi) information gathering;
437	(vii) making referrals; and
438	(viii) engaging in advocacy.
439	(b) "Practice as a social service worker" does not include:
440	(i) diagnosing or treating mental illness; or
441	(ii) providing psychotherapeutic services to an individual, couple, family, group, or
442	community.
443	[(3)] (2) "Practice of clinical social work" includes:
444	(a) the practice of mental health therapy by observation, description, evaluation,
445	interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect modification of behavior by the application
446	of generally recognized professional social work principles, methods, and procedures for the
447	purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, the
448	symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior;
449	(b) the application of generally recognized psychotherapeutic and social work
450	principles and practices requiring the education, training, and clinical experience of a clinical
451	social worker; and
452	(c) supervision of the practice of a certified social worker or social service worker as
453	the supervision is required under this chapter and as further defined by division rule.
454	[(4)] (3) "Practice of certified social work" includes:
455	(a) the supervised practice of mental health therapy by a clinical social worker by
456	observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect
457	modification of behavior by the application of generally recognized professional social work
458	principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating
459	mental or emotional illness or dysfunctions, the symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive
460	behavior;
461	(b) the supervised or independent and unsupervised application of generally recognized

462 professional social work principles and practices requiring the education, training, and 463 experience of a certified social worker; and 464 (c) supervision of the practice of a social service worker as the supervision is required 465 under this chapter and as further defined by division rule. 466 [(5)] (4) "Program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education" means a 467 program that: 468 (a) was accredited by the Council on Social Work Education on the day on which the 469 applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program; or 470 (b) was in candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education on the 471 day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program. 472 [(6)] (5) "Supervision of a social service worker" means supervision conducted by an 473 individual licensed as a mental health therapist under this title in accordance with division rules 474 made in collaboration with the board. 475 Section 9. Section **58-60-205** is amended to read: 476 58-60-205. Qualifications for licensure or certification as a clinical social worker, 477 certified social worker, and social service worker. 478 (1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall: 479 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division; 480 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; 481 (c) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education 482 recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of 483 an education and an earned degree as follows: 484 (i) a master's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social 485 Work Education or by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work; or 486 (ii) a doctoral degree that contains a clinical social work concentration and practicum 487 approved by the division, by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah 488 Administrative Rulemaking Act, that is consistent with Section 58-1-203; 489 (d) [have completed a minimum of 3,000 hours of clinical social work training as 490 defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203:] document successful completion of not less 491 than 1,200 direct client care hours: 492 (i) obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection (1)(c);

493	[(i)] (ii) [under the supervision of a supervisor approved by the division in
494	collaboration with the board who is a] not less than 100 of which are direct clinical supervision
495	hours under the supervision of a:
496	(A) clinical mental health counselor;
497	(B) psychiatrist;
498	(C) psychologist;
499	(D) registered psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner;
500	(E) marriage and family therapist; [or]
501	(F) clinical social worker; [and] or
502	(G) master addiction counselor;
503	(iii) not less than 25 of which are direct observation hours;
504	(iv) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with only one
505	other applicant for licensure; and
506	(v) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with more than
507	one other applicant for licensure;
508	[(ii)] (e) [including a minimum of] document successful completion of not less than
509	two hours of training in suicide prevention obtained after completion of the education
510	requirements under Subsection (1)(c) via a course that the division designates as approved;
511	[(e) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised
512	training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in
513	Subsection (1)(c), which training may be included as part of the 3,000 hours of training in
514	Subsection (1)(d), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 75 of the
515	hours were obtained under the direct supervision, as defined by rule, of a supervisor described
516	in Subsection (1)(d)(i);]
517	(f) have completed a case work, group work, or family treatment course sequence with
518	a clinical practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203;
519	(g) (i) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203;
520	[and] <u>or</u>
521	(ii) satisfy the following requirements:
522	(A) document successful completion of not less than 500 additional direct client care
523	hours, at least 25 of which are direct clinical supervision hours, and at least five of which are

524	direct observation hours;
525	(B) submit to the division a recommendation letter from the applicant's direct clinical
526	supervisor;
527	(C) submit to the division a recommendation letter from another licensed supervisor
528	who has directly observed the applicant's direct client care hours and who is not the applicant's
529	direct clinical supervisor; and
530	(D) submit to the division a portfolio of work demonstrating clinical competence as
531	defined by rule; and
532	(h) if the applicant is applying to participate in the Counseling Compact under Chapter
533	60a, Counseling Compact, consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section
534	58-60-103.1 and any requirements established by division rule made in accordance with Title
535	63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
536	(2) An applicant for licensure as a certified social worker shall:
537	(a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
538	(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; and
539	(c) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
540	recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of
541	an education and an earned degree as follows:
542	(i) a master's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social
543	Work Education or by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work; or
544	(ii) a doctoral degree that contains a clinical social work concentration and practicum
545	approved by the division, by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
546	Administrative Rulemaking Act, that is consistent with Section 58-1-203.
547	(3) An applicant for licensure as a social service worker shall:
548	(a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
549	(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; and
550	(c) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
551	recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of
552	an education and an earned degree as follows:
553	(i) a bachelor's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social
554	Work Education or by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work;

(ii) a master's degree in a field approved by the division in collaboration with the

556	board;
557	(iii) a bachelor's degree in any field if the applicant:
558	(A) has completed at least three semester hours, or the equivalent, in each of the
559	following areas:
560	(I) social welfare policy;
561	(II) human growth and development; and
562	(III) social work practice methods, as defined by rule; and
563	(B) provides documentation that the applicant has completed at least 2,000 hours of
564	qualifying experience under the supervision of a mental health therapist, which experience is
565	approved by the division in collaboration with the board, and which is performed after
566	completion of the requirements to obtain the bachelor's degree required under this Subsection
567	(4); or
568	(iv) successful completion of the first academic year of a Council on Social Work
569	Education approved master's of social work curriculum and practicum.
570	(4) The division shall ensure that the rules for an examination described under
571	Subsection $[\frac{(1)(g)}{(1)(g)(i)}$ allow additional time to complete the examination if requested by
572	an applicant who is:
573	(a) a foreign born legal resident of the United States for whom English is a second
574	language; or
575	(b) an enrolled member of a federally recognized Native American tribe.
576	Section 10. Section 58-60-207 is amended to read:
577	58-60-207. Scope of practice Limitations.
578	(1) (a) A clinical social worker may engage in all acts and practices defined as the
579	practice of clinical social work without supervision, in private and independent practice, or as
580	an employee of another person, limited only by the licensee's education, training, and
581	competence.
582	(b) A clinical social worker may not supervise more than $[six]$ $\underline{10}$ individuals who are
583	lawfully engaged in training for the practice of mental health therapy, unless granted an
584	exception in writing from the division in collaboration with the board.
585	(2) To the extent an individual is professionally prepared by the education and training

track completed while earning a master's or doctor of social work degree, a licensed certified social worker may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of certified social work consistent with the licensee's education, clinical training, experience, and competence:

- (a) under supervision of an individual described in Subsection 58-60-205(1)(d)(i) and as an employee of another person when engaged in the practice of mental health therapy;
- (b) without supervision and in private and independent practice or as an employee of another person, if not engaged in the practice of mental health therapy;
- (c) including engaging in the private, independent, unsupervised practice of social work as a self-employed individual, in partnership with other mental health therapists, as a professional corporation, or in any other capacity or business entity, so long as he does not practice unsupervised psychotherapy; and
 - (d) supervising social service workers as provided by division rule.
- Section 11. Section **58-60-302** is amended to read:
 - 58-60-302. **Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part:

- (1) "Assess" means the use of diagnostic procedures, tests, and interview techniques generally accepted as standard in mental health therapy to diagnose any condition related to mental, emotional, behavioral, and social disorders or dysfunctions.
- [(2) "Board" means the Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Board created in Section 58-60-303.]
 - $[\frac{3}{2}]$ (2) "Practice of marriage and family therapy" includes:
- (a) the process of providing professional mental health therapy including psychotherapy to individuals, couples, families, or groups;
- (b) utilizing established principles that recognize the interrelated nature of individual problems and dysfunctions in family members to assess, diagnose, and treat mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders;
 - (c) individual, premarital, relationship, marital, divorce, and family therapy;
- (d) specialized modes of treatment for the purpose of diagnosing and treating mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, modifying interpersonal and intrapersonal dysfunction, and promoting mental health; and
 - (e) assessment utilized to develop, recommend, and implement appropriate plans of

617	treatment, dispositions, and placement related to the functioning of the individual, couple,
618	family, or group.
619	Section 12. Section 58-60-305 is amended to read:
620	58-60-305. Qualifications for licensure.
621	(1) All applicants for licensure as marriage and family therapists shall:
622	(a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
623	(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
624	(c) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of a masters or doctorate degree
625	in marriage and family therapy from:
626	(i) a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family
627	Therapy Education; or
628	(ii) an accredited institution meeting criteria for approval established by rule under
629	Section 58-1-203;
630	[(d) have completed a minimum of 3,000 hours of marriage and family therapy training
631	as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203:]
632	[(ii) obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection (1)(c); and]
633	(d) document successful completion of not less than 1,200 direct client care hours:
634	(i) obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection (1)(c);
635	[(ii) not less than 100 of which shall be direct clinical supervision hours under the
636	supervision of a mental health therapist supervisor who meets the requirements of Section
637	58-60-307;
638	(iii) not less than 25 of which are direct observation hours;
639	(iv) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with only one
640	other applicant for licensure; and
641	(v) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with more than
642	one other applicant for licensure;
643	[(iii)] (e) [including a minimum of] document successful completion of not less than
644	two hours of training in suicide prevention obtained after completion of the education
645	requirements under Subsection (1)(c) via a course that the division designates as approved;
646	[(e) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised
647	training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement

648 described in Subsection (1)(c), which training may be included as part of the 3,000 hours of 649 training described in Subsection (1)(d), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not 650 less than 75 of the supervised hours were obtained during direct, personal supervision, as 651 defined by rule, by a mental health therapist supervisor qualified under Section 58-60-307; 652 (f) (i) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section 653 58-1-203; [and] or 654 (ii) satisfy the following requirements: 655 (A) document successful completion of not less than 500 additional direct client care 656 hours, not less than 25 of which are direct clinical supervision hours, and not less than five of 657 which are direct observation hours by a mental health therapist or supervisor ho meets the 658 requirements of Section 58-60-307; 659 (B) submit to the division a recommendation letter from the applicant's direct clinical 660 supervisor; 661 (C) submit to the division a recommendation letter from another licensed supervisor who has directly observed the applicant's direct client care hours and is not the candidate's 662 663 direct clinical supervisor; and 664 (D) submit to the division a portfolio of work demonstrating clinical competence as 665 defined by rule; and 666 (g) if the applicant is applying to participate in the Counseling Compact under Chapter 667 60a, Counseling Compact, consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section 668 58-60-103.1 and any requirements established by division rule made in accordance with Title 669 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. 670 (2) (a) All applicants for licensure as an associate marriage and family therapist shall 671 comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a) through (c). 672 (b) An individual's license as an associate marriage and family therapist is limited to 673 the period of time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(d) and 674 (e) and extends not more than two years from the date the minimum requirement for training is 675 completed, unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the 676 appropriate board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward passing of the 677 qualifying examination for that profession or is otherwise on a course reasonably expected to 678 lead to licensure, but the period of time under this Subsection (2)(b) may not exceed four years

679 past the date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed. 680 Section 13. Section **58-60-307** is amended to read: 681 58-60-307. Supervisors of marriage and family therapists -- Qualifications. 682 (1) Each person acting as a supervisor of a marriage and family therapist shall: (a) have at least two years of clinical experience, since the date of first licensure, as a: 683 684 (i) clinical mental health counselor: 685 (ii) psychiatrist; 686 (iii) psychologist; 687 (iv) registered psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner; 688 (v) marriage and family therapist; [or] 689 (vi) clinical social worker; or 690 (vii) master addiction counselor; 691 (b) either: 692 (i) be approved as a supervisor by a national marriage and family therapist professional 693 organization; or 694 (ii) meet the criteria established by rule; and 695 (c) provide supervision for no more than [six] 10 individuals who are lawfully engaged 696 in training for the practice of mental health therapy, unless granted an exception in writing 697 from the division in collaboration with the board. 698 (2) Persons who act as a supervisor without meeting the requirements of this section 699 are subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct. 700 Section 14. Section **58-60-402** is amended to read: 701 **58-60-402.** Definitions. 702 In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part[+], 703 [(1) "Board" means the Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Board created in Section 704 58-60-403.(2) "Practice] "practice of clinical mental health counseling" means the practice of 705 mental health therapy by means of observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, 706 intervention, and treatment to effect modification of human behavior by the application of 707 generally recognized clinical mental health counseling principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, 708 709 symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior.

710	Section 15. Section 58-60-405 is amended to read:
711	58-60-405. Qualifications for licensure.
712	(1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor shall:
713	(a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
714	(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
715	(c) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of:
716	(i) a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in:
717	(A) clinical mental health counseling, clinical rehabilitation counseling, counselor
718	education and supervision from a program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of
719	Counseling and Related Educational Programs; or
720	(B) clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field from a program affiliated
721	with an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education
722	Accreditation; and
723	(ii) at least 60 semester credit hours or 90 quarter credit hours of coursework related to
724	an educational program described in Subsection (1)(c)(i);
725	[(d) have completed a minimum of 3,000 hours of clinical mental health counselor
726	training as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203:]
727	[(ii) obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection (1)(c); and]
728	(d) document successful completion of not less than 1,200 direct client care hours:
729	(i) obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection (1)(c);
730	[(i)) (ii) not less than 100 of which are direct clinical supervision hours under the
731	supervision of a clinical mental health counselor, psychiatrist, psychologist, clinical social
732	worker, registered psychiatric mental health nurse specialist, [or] marriage and family therapist
733	[supervisor], or master addiction counselor approved by the division in collaboration with the
734	board;
735	(iii) not less than 25 of which are direct observation hours;
736	(iv) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with only one
737	other applicant for licensure; and
738	(v) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with more than
739	one other applicant for licensure;
740	[(iii)] (e) [including a minimum of] document successful completion of not less than

741 two hours of training in suicide prevention obtained after completion of the education 742 requirements under Subsection (1)(c) via a course that the division designates as approved; 743 (e) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised 744 training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in 745 Subsection (1)(c), which training may be included as part of the 3,000 hours of training in 746 Subsection (1)(d), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 75 of the 747 hours were obtained under the direct supervision of a mental health therapist, as defined by 748 rule; 749 (f) (i) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section 58-1-203; [and] or 750 751 (ii) satisfy the following requirements: 752 (A) document successful completion of not less than 500 additional direct client care 753 hours, not less than 25 of are direct clinical supervision hours, and not less than five of which 754 are direct observation hours by a mental health therapist supervisor who meets the 755 requirements of Section 58-60-307; 756 (B) submit to the division a recommendation letter from the applicant's direct clinical 757 supervisor; 758 (C) submit to the division a recommendation letter from another licensed supervisor 759 who has directly observed the applicant's direct client care hours and is not the candidate's 760 direct clinical supervisor; and 761 (D) submit to the division a portfolio of work demonstrating clinical competence as defined by rule; and 762 763 (g) if the applicant is applying to participate in the Counseling Compact under Chapter 764 60a, Counseling Compact, consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section 765 58-60-103.1 and any requirements established by division rule made in accordance with Title 766 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. 767 (2) (a) An applicant for licensure as an associate clinical mental health counselor shall 768 comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a) through (c). 769 (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)(d) and (e) and extends not more than two year

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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 four 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.
- (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(c), an applicant satisfies the education requirement described in Subsection (1)(c) if the applicant submits documentation verifying:
- (a) satisfactory completion of a doctoral or master's degree from an educational program in rehabilitation counseling accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs;
- (b) satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours or 90 quarter credit hours of coursework related to an educational program described in Subsection (1)(c)(i); and
 - (c) that the applicant received a passing score that is valid and in good standing on:
 - (i) the National Counselor Examination; and
 - (ii) the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination.
 - Section 16. Section **58-60-407** is amended to read:

58-60-407. Scope of practice -- Limitations.

- (1) (a) A licensed clinical mental health counselor may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of clinical mental health counseling without supervision, in private and independent practice, or as an employee of another person, limited only by the licensee's education, training, and competence.
- (b) A licensed clinical mental health counselor may not supervise more than [six] 10 individuals who are lawfully engaged in training for the practice of mental health therapy, unless granted an exception in writing from the division in collaboration with the board.
- (2) (a) To the extent an individual has completed the educational requirements of Subsection 58-60-305(1)(c), a licensed associate clinical mental health counselor may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of clinical mental health counseling if the practice is:

803	(i) within the scope of employment as a licensed clinical mental health counselor with
804	a public agency or private clinic as defined by division rule; and
805	(ii) under supervision of a qualified licensed mental health therapist as defined in
806	Section 58-60-102.
807	(b) A licensed associate clinical mental health counselor may not engage in the
808	independent practice of clinical mental health counseling.
809	Section 17. Section 58-60-502 is amended to read:
810	58-60-502. Definitions.
811	In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part:
812	[(1) "Board" means the Substance Use Disorder Counselor Licensing Board created in
813	Section 58-60-503.]
814	[(2)] (1) (a) "Counseling" means a collaborative process that facilitates the client's
815	progress toward mutually determined treatment goals and objectives.
816	(b) "Counseling" includes:
817	(i) methods that are sensitive to an individual client's characteristics, to the influence of
818	significant others, and to the client's cultural and social context; and
819	(ii) an understanding, appreciation, and ability to appropriately use the contributions of
820	various addiction counseling models as the counseling models apply to modalities of care for
821	individuals, groups, families, couples, and significant others.
822	[(3)] (2) "Direct supervision" means:
823	(a) a minimum of one hour of supervision by a supervisor of the substance use disorder
824	counselor for every 40 hours of client care provided by the substance use disorder counselor,
825	which supervision may include group supervision;
826	(b) the supervision is conducted in a face-to-face manner, unless otherwise approved
827	on a case-by-case basis by the division in collaboration with the board; and
828	(c) a supervisor is available for consultation with the counselor at all times.
829	[(4)] (3) "General supervision" shall be defined by division rule.
830	$[\underbrace{(5)}]$ (4) "Group supervision" means more than one counselor licensed under this part
831	meets with the supervisor at the same time.
832	[(6)] (5) "Individual supervision" means only one counselor licensed under this part
833	meets with the supervisor at a given time.

[(7)] <u>(6)</u> "Practice as a certified advanced substance use disorder counselor" and "practice as a certified advanced substance use disorder counselor intern" means providing services described in Subsection [(9)] <u>(8)</u> under the direct supervision of a mental health therapist or licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor.

- [(8)] (7) "Practice as a certified substance use disorder counselor" and "practice as a certified substance use disorder counselor intern" means providing the services described in Subsections [(10)(a)] (<u>9)(a)</u> and (b) under the direct supervision of a mental health therapist or licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor.
 - [(9)] (8) "Practice as a licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor" means:
 - (a) providing the services described in Subsections [(10)(a)] (9)(a) and (b);
- (b) screening and assessing of individuals, including identifying substance use disorder symptoms and behaviors and co-occurring mental health issues;
- (c) treatment planning for substance use disorders, including initial planning, ongoing intervention, continuity of care, discharge planning, planning for relapse prevention, and long term recovery support; and
- (d) supervising a certified substance use disorder counselor, certified substance use disorder counselor intern, certified advanced substance use disorder counselor, certified advanced substance use disorder counselor in accordance with Subsection 58-60-508(2).
- [(10)] (9) (a) "Practice as a substance use disorder counselor" means providing services as an employee of a substance use disorder agency under the general supervision of a licensed mental health therapist to individuals or groups of persons, whether in person or remotely, for conditions of substance use disorders consistent with the education and training of a substance use disorder counselor required under this part, and the standards and ethics of the profession as approved by the division in collaboration with the board.
 - (b) "Practice as a substance use disorder counselor" includes:
- (i) administering the screening process by which a client is determined to need substance use disorder services, which may include screening, brief intervention, and treatment referral;
 - (ii) conducting the administrative intake procedures for admission to a program;
- (iii) conducting orientation of a client, including:

803	(A) describing the general nature and goals of the program,
866	(B) explaining rules governing client conduct and infractions that can lead to
867	disciplinary action or discharge from the program;
868	(C) explaining hours during which services are available in a nonresidential program;
869	(D) treatment costs to be borne by the client, if any; and
870	(E) describing the client's rights as a program participant;
871	(iv) conducting assessment procedures by which a substance use disorder counselor
872	gathers information related to an individual's strengths, weaknesses, needs, and substance use
873	disorder symptoms for the development of the treatment plan;
874	(v) participating in the process of treatment planning, including recommending specific
875	interventions to support existing treatment goals and objectives developed by the substance use
876	disorder counselor, the mental health therapist, and the client to:
877	(A) identify and rank problems needing resolution;
878	(B) establish agreed upon immediate and long term goals; and
879	(C) decide on a treatment process and the resources to be utilized;
880	(vi) monitoring compliance with treatment plan progress;
881	(vii) providing substance use disorder counseling services to alcohol and drug use
882	disorder clients and significant people in the client's life as part of a comprehensive treatment
883	plan, including:
884	(A) leading specific task-oriented groups, didactic groups, and group discussions;
885	(B) cofacilitating group therapy with a licensed mental health therapist; and
886	(C) engaging in one-on-one interventions and interactions coordinated by a mental
887	health therapist;
888	(viii) performing case management activities that bring services, agencies, resources, or
889	people together within a planned framework of action toward the achievement of established
890	goals, including, when appropriate, liaison activities and collateral contacts;
891	(ix) providing substance use disorder crisis intervention services;
892	(x) providing client education to individuals and groups concerning alcohol and other
893	substance use disorders, including identification and description of available treatment services
894	and resources;
895	(xi) identifying the needs of the client that cannot be met by the substance use disorder

counselor or substance use disorder agency and referring the client to appropriate services and community resources;

- (xii) developing and providing effective reporting and recordkeeping procedures and services, which include charting the results of the assessment and treatment plan, writing reports, progress notes, discharge summaries, and other client-related data; and
- (xiii) consulting with other professionals in regard to client treatment and services to assure comprehensive quality care for the client.
 - (c) "Practice as a substance use disorder counselor" does not include:
- (i) the diagnosing of mental illness, including substance use disorders, as defined in Section 58-60-102;
- (ii) engaging in the practice of mental health therapy as defined in Section 58-60-102; or
- (iii) the performance of a substance use disorder diagnosis, other mental illness diagnosis, or psychological testing.
- [(11)] (10) "Program" means a substance use disorder agency that provides substance use disorder services, including recovery support services.
- [(12)] (11) "Recovery support services" means services provided to an individual who is identified as having need of substance use disorder preventive or treatment services, either before, during, or after an episode of care that meets the level of care standards established by division rule.
- [(13)] (12) "Substance use disorder agency" means a public or private agency, health care facility, or health care practice that:
- (a) provides substance use disorder services, recovery support services, primary health care services, or substance use disorder preventive services; and
 - (b) employs qualified mental health therapists in sufficient number to:
- (i) evaluate the condition of clients being treated by each counselor licensed under this part and employed by the substance use disorder agency; and
 - (ii) ensure that appropriate substance use disorder services are being given.
- [(14)] (13) "Substance use disorder education program" means a formal program of substance use disorder education offered by an accredited institution of higher education that meets standards established by division rule.

927	Section 18. Section 58-60-504 is amended to read:
928	58-60-504. License classification.
929	The division shall issue substance use disorder counselor licenses to individuals
930	qualified under this part in the classification of:
931	(1) master addiction counselor;
932	(2) associate master addiction counselor;
933	[(1)] (3) licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor;
934	[(2)] (4) certified advanced substance use disorder counselor;
935	[(3)] (5) certified advanced substance use disorder counselor intern;
936	[(4)] <u>(6)</u> licensed substance use disorder counselor;
937	[(5)] (7) certified substance use disorder counselor; and
938	[(6)] (8) certified substance use disorder counselor intern.
939	Section 19. Section 58-60-506 is amended to read:
940	58-60-506. Qualifications for licensure.
941	(1) An applicant for licensure under this part on and after July 1, 2012, must meet the
942	following qualifications:
943	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
944	(b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
945	(c) satisfy the requirements of Subsection (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), [or] (7), (8), or (9),
946	respectively; and
947	(d) except for licensure as a certified substance use disorder counselor intern and a
948	certified advanced substance use disorder counselor intern, satisfy the examination requirement
949	established by division rule under Section 58-1-203.
950	(2) An applicant for licensure as a master addiction counselor shall produce:
951	(a) a certified transcript from an accredited institution of higher education that meets
952	standards established by division rule under Section 58-1-203, verifying the satisfactory
953	completion of a doctoral or master's degree in:
954	(i) substance use disorders or addiction counseling and treatment; or
955	(ii) a counseling subject approved by the division in collaboration with the board,
956	which may include social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy,
957	psychology, or medicine;

958	(b) documentation of successful completion of at least 1,200 hours of supervised
959	experience in substance use disorder and addiction treatment obtained after completion of the
960	education requirement described in Subsection (2)(a) demonstrating at least 75 of the
961	supervised hours were obtained:
962	(i) during direct, personal supervision, as defined by division rule;
963	(ii) under the supervision of a clinical mental health counselor, psychiatrist,
964	psychologist, registered psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, marriage and family
965	therapist, clinical social worker, or master addiction counselor approved by the division in
966	collaboration with the board; and
967	(iii) at least 25 of the direct clinical supervision hours shall be obtained through direct
968	observation by either the direct clinical supervisor or by another fully licensed clinician who is
969	authorized to practice mental health therapy and who is approved by the applicant for
970	licensure's direct clinical supervisor; and
971	(c) if the applicant for licensure produces a transcript described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii)
972	evidence of completion of an additional 200 hours of supervised experience in substance use
973	disorder and addiction treatment.
974	(3) (a) An applicant for licensure as an associate master addiction counselor shall
975	comply with the provisions of Subsections (2)(a).
976	(b) An individual's licensure as an associate master addiction counselor:
977	(i) is limited to the period of time necessary to complete the hours described in
978	Subsections (2)(a)(ii) and (iii); and
979	(ii) except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), expires no more than two years after the
980	day on which the minimum time for training passes.
981	(c) The division may extend the time period under Subsection (3)(b) up to four years
982	past the day on which the minimum time for training passes if the applicant presents
983	satisfactory evidence to the division that the applicant is:
984	(i) making reasonable progress toward the relevant examination; or
985	(ii) otherwise on a course reasonably expected to lead to licensure.
986	[(2)] (4) In accordance with division rules, an applicant for licensure as an advanced
987	substance use disorder counselor shall produce:
988	(a) certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education that:

989	(i) meet division standards;
990	(ii) verify the satisfactory completion of a baccalaureate or graduate degree; and
991	(iii) verify the completion of prerequisite courses established by division rules;
992	(b) documentation of the applicant's completion of a substance use disorder education
993	program that includes:
994	(i) at least 300 hours of substance use disorder related education, of which 200 hours
995	may have been obtained while qualifying for a substance use disorder counselor license; and
996	(ii) a supervised practicum of at least 350 hours, of which 200 hours may have been
997	obtained while qualifying for a substance use disorder counselor license; and
998	(c) documentation of the applicant's completion of at least 4,000 hours of supervised
999	experience in substance use disorder treatment, of which 2,000 hours may have been obtained
1000	while qualifying for a substance use disorder counselor license, that:
1001	(i) meets division standards; and
1002	(ii) is performed within a four-year period after the applicant's completion of the
1003	substance use disorder education program described in Subsection (2)(b), unless, as determined
1004	by the division after consultation with the board, the time for performance is extended due to
1005	an extenuating circumstance.
1006	[(3)] (5) An applicant for licensure as a certified advanced substance use disorder
1007	counselor shall meet the requirements in Subsections $[\frac{(2)(a)}{(4)(a)}]$ and (b).
1008	[(4)] (6) (a) An applicant for licensure as a certified advanced substance use disorder
1009	counselor intern shall meet the requirements in Subsections $[\frac{(2)(a)}{(2)(a)}]$ and (b).
1010	(b) A certified advanced substance use disorder counselor intern license expires at the
1011	earlier of:
1012	(i) the licensee passing the examination required for licensure as a certified advanced
1013	substance use disorder counselor; or
1014	(ii) six months after the certified advanced substance use disorder counselor intern
1015	license is issued.
1016	$[\frac{(5)}{2}]$ In accordance with division rules, an applicant for licensure as a substance use
1017	disorder counselor shall produce:

(a) certified transcripts from an accredited institution that:

(i) meet division standards;

1020	(ii) verify satisfactory completion of an associate's degree or equivalent as defined by
1021	the division in rule; and
1022	(iii) verify the completion of prerequisite courses established by division rules;
1023	(b) documentation of the applicant's completion of a substance use disorder education
1024	program that includes:
1025	(i) completion of at least 200 hours of substance use disorder related education;
1026	(ii) included in the 200 hours described in Subsection [(5)(b)(i)] (7)(b)(i), a minimum
1027	of two hours of training in suicide prevention via a course that the division designates as
1028	approved; and
1029	(iii) completion of a supervised practicum of at least 200 hours; and
1030	(c) documentation of the applicant's completion of at least 2,000 hours of supervised
1031	experience in substance use disorder treatment that:
1032	(i) meets division standards; and
1033	(ii) is performed within a two-year period after the applicant's completion of the
1034	substance use disorder education program described in Subsection $[(5)(b)]$ $(7)(b)$, unless, as
1035	determined by the division after consultation with the board, the time for performance is
1036	extended due to an extenuating circumstance.
1037	[(6)] (8) An applicant for licensure as a certified substance use disorder counselor shall
1038	meet the requirements of Subsections $[\frac{(5)(a)}{(7)(a)}]$ and (b).
1039	[(7)] <u>(9)</u> (a) An applicant for licensure as a certified substance use disorder counselor
1040	intern shall meet the requirements of Subsections $[\frac{(5)(a)}{(a)}]$ $\frac{(7)(a)}{(a)}$ and (b).
1041	(b) A certified substance use disorder counselor intern license expires at the earlier of:
1042	(i) the licensee passing the examination required for licensure as a certified substance
1043	use disorder counselor; or
1044	(ii) six months after the certified substance use disorder counselor intern license is
1045	issued.
1046	Section 20. Section 58-60-512 is enacted to read:
1047	58-60-512. Scope of practice Limitations.
1048	(1) An individual who is licensed as a master addiction counselor:
1049	(a) may engage in practice as a licensed master addiction counselor without
1050	supervision, in private and independent practice or as an employee of another person, limited

1051	only by the licensee's education, training, and competence; and
1052	(b) may engage in the practice of mental health therapy.
1053	(2) To the extent an individual is professionally prepared by the education and training
1054	track completed while earning a degree according to Subsection 58-60-506(2)(a), a licensed
1055	associate master addiction counselor may engage in practice as a licensed advanced substance
1056	use disorder counselor consistent with the licensee's education, clinical training, experience,
1057	and competence:
1058	(a) under supervision of an individual described in Subsection 58-60-506(2)(b) and as
1059	an employee of another person when engaged in practice as a licensed advanced substance use
1060	disorder counselor;
1061	(b) without supervision and in private practice or as an employee of another person, if
1062	not engaged in practice as a licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor or in the
1063	practice of mental health therapy;
1064	(c) including engaging in private, independent, unsupervised practice as a licensed
1065	advanced substance use disorder counselor or practice of mental health therapy as a
1066	self-employed individual, in partnership with other mental health therapists, as a professional
1067	corporation, or in any other capacity or business entity, so long as the individual does not
1068	practice unsupervised psychotherapy; and
1069	(d) supervising substance use disorder counselors as provided by division rule.
1070	Section 21. Section 58-61-102 is amended to read:
1071	58-61-102. Definitions.
1072	In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:
1073	(1) "Board" means the [Psychologist Licensing Board created in Section 58-61-201]
1074	Behavioral Health Board created in Section 58-60-102.5.
1075	(2) "Client" or "patient" means an individual who consults or is examined or
1076	interviewed by a psychologist acting in his professional capacity.
1077	(3) "Confidential communication" means information, including information obtained
1078	by the psychologist's examination of the client or patient, which is:
1079	(a) (i) transmitted between the client or patient and a psychologist in the course of that
1080	relationship; or
1081	(ii) transmitted among the client or patient, the psychologist, and individuals who are

participating in the diagnosis or treatment under the direction of the psychologist, including members of the client's or patient's family; and

- (b) made in confidence, for the diagnosis or treatment of the client or patient by the psychologist, and by a means not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those individuals:
- (i) present to further the interest of the client or patient in the consultation, examination, or interview;
 - (ii) reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communications; or
- (iii) participating in the diagnosis and treatment of the client or patient under the direction of the psychologist.
- (4) "Hypnosis" means, regarding individuals exempted from licensure under this chapter, a process by which one individual induces or assists another individual into a hypnotic state without the use of drugs or other substances and for the purpose of increasing motivation or to assist the individual to alter lifestyles or habits.
 - (5) "Individual" means a natural person.
 - (6) "Mental health therapist" means an individual licensed under this title as a:
- (a) physician and surgeon, or osteopathic physician engaged in the practice of mental health therapy;
- (b) an advanced practice registered nurse, specializing in psychiatric mental health nursing;
- (c) an advanced practice registered nurse intern, specializing in psychiatric mental health nursing;
 - (d) psychologist qualified to engage in the practice of mental health therapy;
- (e) a certified psychology resident qualifying to engage in the practice of mental health therapy;
- (f) clinical social worker;
- 1108 (g) certified social worker;

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- (h) marriage and family therapist;
- (i) an associate marriage and family therapist;
- 1111 (j) a clinical mental health counselor; or
- (k) an associate clinical mental health counselor.

(7) "Mental illness" means a mental or emotional condition defined in an approved diagnostic and statistical manual for mental disorders generally recognized in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection [(6)] (5).

- (8) "Practice of mental health therapy" means the treatment or prevention of mental illness, whether in person or remotely, including:
- (a) conducting a professional evaluation of an individual's condition of mental health, mental illness, or emotional disorder;
- (b) establishing a diagnosis in accordance with established written standards generally recognized in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection [(6)] (5);
- (c) prescribing a plan for the prevention or treatment of a condition of mental illness or emotional disorder; and
- (d) engaging in the conduct of professional intervention, including psychotherapy by the application of established methods and procedures generally recognized in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection [(6)] (5).
 - (9) (a) "Practice of psychology" includes:

- (i) the practice of mental health therapy by means of observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect modification of human behavior by the application of generally recognized professional psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, the symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior;
- (ii) the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, or modification of human behavior by the application of generally recognized professional principles, methods, or procedures requiring the education, training, and clinical experience of a psychologist, for the purpose of assessing, diagnosing, preventing, or eliminating symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior and of enhancing interpersonal relationships, work and life adjustment, personal effectiveness, behavioral health, and mental health;
- (iii) psychological testing and the evaluation or assessment of personal characteristics such as intelligence, personality, abilities, interests, aptitudes, and neuropsychological functioning;
- 1142 (iv) counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, hypnosis, 1143 and behavior analysis and therapy;

(v) diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders of disability, alcoholism and substance abuse, disorders of habit or conduct, and the psychological aspects of physical illness, accident, injury, or disability; and

- (vi) psychoeducational evaluation, therapy, remediation, and consultation.
- (b) An individual practicing psychology may provide services to individuals, couples, families, groups of individuals, members of the public, and individuals or groups within organizations or institutions.
- (10) "Remotely" means communicating via Internet, telephone, or other electronic means that facilitate real-time audio or visual interaction between individuals when they are not physically present in the same room at the same time.
 - (11) "Unlawful conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-61-501.
- (12) "Unprofessional conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-61-502, and may be further defined by division rule.
 - Section 22. Section **58-61-304** is amended to read:

58-61-304. Qualifications for licensure by examination or endorsement.

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist based upon education, clinical training, and examination 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) produce certified transcripts of credit verifying satisfactory completion of a doctoral degree in psychology that includes specific core course work established by division rule under Section 58-1-203, from an institution of higher education whose doctoral program, at the time the applicant received the doctoral degree, met approval criteria established by division rule made in consultation with the board;
- (d) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of psychology training as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203 in not less than two years and under the supervision of a psychologist supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with the board;
- (e) to be qualified to engage in mental health therapy, document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of a master's level of education in psychology, which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training required in Subsection (1)(d), and for which documented

evidence demonstrates not less than one hour of supervision for each 40 hours of supervised training was obtained under the direct supervision of a psychologist, as defined by rule;

- (f) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section 58-1-203;
- (g) consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section 58-61-304.1 and any requirements established by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- (h) meet with the board, upon request for good cause, for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
- (2) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist by endorsement based upon licensure in another jurisdiction 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) not have any disciplinary action pending or in effect against the applicant's psychologist license in any jurisdiction;
- (d) have passed the Utah Psychologist Law and Ethics Examination established by division rule;
- (e) provide satisfactory evidence the applicant is currently licensed in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in any other jurisdiction approved by the division in collaboration with the board;
- (f) provide satisfactory evidence the applicant has actively practiced psychology in that jurisdiction for not less than 2,000 hours or one year, whichever is greater;
 - (g) provide satisfactory evidence that:
- (i) the education, supervised experience, examination, and all other requirements for licensure in that jurisdiction at the time the applicant obtained licensure were substantially equivalent to the licensure requirements for a psychologist in Utah at the time the applicant obtained licensure in the other jurisdiction; or
 - (ii) the applicant is:

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- 1203 (A) a current holder of Board Certified Specialist status in good standing from the 1204 American Board of Professional Psychology;
 - (B) currently credentialed as a health service provider in psychology by the National

1206	Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or
1207	(C) currently holds a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) granted by the
1208	Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards;
1209	(h) consent to a criminal background check in accordance with Section 58-61-304.1
1210	and any requirements established by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1211	Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
1212	(i) meet with the board, upon request for good cause, for the purpose of evaluating the
1213	applicant's qualifications for licensure.
1214	(3) (a) An applicant for certification as a psychology resident shall comply with the
1215	provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), (g), and (h).
1216	(b) (i) An individual's certification as a psychology resident is limited to the period of
1217	time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(d) and (e) and
1218	extends not more than one year from the date the minimum requirement for training is
1219	completed, unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the
1220	[Psychologist Licensing Board] board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward
1221	passing the qualifying examination or is otherwise on a course reasonably expected to lead to
1222	licensure as a psychologist.
1223	(ii) The period of time under Subsection (3)(b)(i) may not exceed two years past the
1224	date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed.
1225	Section 23. Section 58-84-102 is amended to read:
1226	58-84-102. Definitions.
1227	In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:
1228	(1) "Board" means the Behavioral Health Board created in Section 58-60-102.5
1229	[(1)] (2) "Practice of music therapy" means the clinical and evidence-based use of
1230	music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship.
1231	$[\frac{(2)}{2}]$ "State certification" means a designation granted by the division <u>in</u>
1232	collaboration with the board on behalf of the state to an individual who has met the
1233	requirements for state certification related to an occupation or profession described in this
1234	chapter.
1235	[(3)] (4) "State certified" means, when used in conjunction with an occupation or
1236	profession described in this chapter, a title that:

1237 (a) may be used by a person who has met the state certification requirements related to 1238 that occupation or profession described in this chapter; and 1239 (b) may not be used by a person who has not met the state certification requirements 1240 related to that occupation or profession described in this chapter. Section 24. Section 58-84-201 is amended to read: 1241 1242 58-84-201. Oualifications for state certification. 1243 (1) The division shall grant state certification to a person who qualifies under this 1244 chapter to engage in the practice of music therapy as a state certified music therapist. 1245 (2) Each applicant for state certification as a state certified music therapist shall: (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division; 1246 1247 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; and (c) provide satisfactory documentation that the applicant is board certified by, and in 1248 1249 good standing with, the Certification Board for Music Therapists, or an equivalent board as 1250 determined by division rule in collaboration with the board. Section 25. Repealer. 1251 1252 This bill repeals: 1253 Section 58-40-201, Board. 1254 Section 58-60-203, Board. 1255 Section 58-60-303, Board -- Powers. 1256 Section 58-60-403, Board. 1257 Section 58-60-503, Board. 1258 Section 58-61-201, Board. 1259 Section 58-78-201, Board. 1260 Section 26. Effective date.

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