

HOUSE BILL No. 2734

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to
2 licensure of health professions and practices; allowing board-approved
3 postgraduate supervised experience to count toward graduate level
4 supervised clinical practicum of supervised professional experience;
5 permitting current master's and clinical level licensees to take the
6 addiction counselor test; amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-6306 and 65-
7 6610 and repealing the existing sections.
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-6306 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 65-6306. (a) The board shall issue a license as a baccalaureate
12 social worker to an applicant who has:

13 (1) A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university,
14 including completion of a social work program recognized and approved
15 by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board;

16 (2) passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose;
17 and

18 (3) satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits the
19 public trust.

20 (b) The board shall issue a license as a master social worker to an
21 applicant who has:

22 (1) A master's degree from an accredited college or university,
23 including completion of a social work program recognized and approved
24 by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board;

25 (2) passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose;
26 and

27 (3) satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits the
28 public trust.

29 (c) The board shall issue a license in one of the social work
30 specialties to an applicant who has:

31 (1) A master's or doctor's degree from an accredited graduate school
32 of social work, including completion of a social work program recognized
33 and approved by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by
34 the board;

35 (2) had two years of full-time post-master's or post-doctor's degree
36 experience under the supervision of a licensed social worker in the area of

1 the specialty in which such applicant seeks to be licensed;

2 (3) passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose;
3 and

4 (4) satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits the
5 public trust.

6 (d) (1) The board shall issue a license as a specialist clinical social
7 worker to an applicant who:

8 (A) Has met the requirements of subsection (c);

9 (B) has completed 15 credit hours as part of or in addition to the
10 requirements under subsection (c) supporting diagnosis or treatment of
11 mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's
12 diagnostic and statistical manual, through identifiable study of the
13 following content areas: Psychopathology, diagnostic assessment,
14 interdisciplinary referral and collaboration, treatment approaches and
15 professional ethics;

16 (C) has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of
17 supervised professional experience, including psychotherapy and
18 assessment, integrating diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with
19 use of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical
20 manual *or additional postgraduate supervised experience as determined*
21 *by the board;*

22 (D) has completed as part of or in addition to the requirements of
23 subsection (c) not less than two years of postgraduate supervised
24 professional experience, in accordance with a clinical supervision plan
25 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised
26 professional experience including at least 1,500 hours of direct client
27 contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments with individuals,
28 couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of face-to-face
29 clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and regulations,
30 including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision, except that the
31 board may waive the requirement that such supervision be face-to-face
32 upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating diagnosis and
33 treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric
34 association's diagnostic and statistical manual;

35 (E) for persons earning a degree under subsection (c) prior to July 1,
36 2003, in lieu of the education and training requirements under
37 subparagraphs (B) and (C), has completed the education requirements for
38 licensure as a specialist clinical social worker in effect on the day
39 immediately preceding the effective date of this act;

40 (F) for persons who apply for and are eligible for a temporary license
41 to practice as a specialist clinical social worker on the day immediately
42 preceding the effective date of this act, in lieu of the education and training
43 requirements under subparagraphs (B), (C) and (D), has completed the

1 education and training requirements for licensure as a specialist clinical
2 social worker in effect on the day immediately preceding the effective date
3 of this act;

4 (G) has passed an examination approved by the board; and

5 (H) has paid the application fee.

6 (2) A licensed specialist clinical social worker may engage in the
7 social work practice and is authorized to diagnose and treat mental
8 disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of
9 mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the
10 board by rules and regulations. When a client has symptoms of a mental
11 disorder, a licensed specialist clinical social worker shall consult with the
12 client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be
13 a medical condition or medication that may be causing or contributing to
14 the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing
15 that such consultation be waived and such request shall be made a part of
16 the client's record. A licensed specialist clinical social worker may
17 continue to evaluate and treat the client until such time that the medical
18 consultation is obtained or waived.

19 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a licensed
20 master social worker who has provided to the board an acceptable clinical
21 supervision plan for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker prior to
22 the effective date of this act shall be licensed as a specialist clinical social
23 worker under this act upon completion of the requirements in effect for
24 licensure as a specialist clinical social worker at the time the acceptable
25 training plan is submitted to the board.

26 (4) A person licensed as a specialist clinical social worker on the day
27 immediately preceding the effective date of this act shall be deemed to be
28 a licensed specialist clinical social worker under this act. Such person shall
29 not be required to file an original application for licensure as a specialist
30 clinical social worker under this act.

31 (e) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the
32 criteria ~~which~~ that a social work program of a college or university shall
33 satisfy to be recognized and approved by the board under this section. The
34 board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any college or
35 university conducting a social work program for which the board does not
36 have sufficient information to determine whether the program should be
37 recognized and approved by the board and whether the program meets the
38 rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire
39 providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the
40 board in order for the program to be considered for recognition and
41 approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies,
42 commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information
43 about a social work program of a college or university. In entering such

1 contracts the authority to recognize and approve a social work program of
2 a college or university shall remain solely with the board.

3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-6610 is hereby amended to read as
4 follows: 65-6610. (a) An applicant for licensure as an addiction counselor
5 shall furnish evidence that the applicant:

6 (1) Has attained 21 years of age;

7 (2) (A) has completed at least a baccalaureate degree from an
8 addiction counseling program that is part of a college or university
9 approved by the board;

10 (B) has completed at least a baccalaureate degree from a college or
11 university approved by the board. As part of, or in addition to, the
12 baccalaureate degree coursework, such applicant shall also complete a
13 minimum number of semester hours of coursework on substance use
14 disorders as approved by the board;~~or~~

15 (C) is currently licensed in Kansas as a licensed baccalaureate social
16 worker and has completed a minimum number of semester hours of
17 coursework on substance use disorders as approved by the board; *or*

18 (D) *is currently licensed in Kansas by the board as a master social*
19 *worker, specialist clinical social worker, professional counselor, clinical*
20 *professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, clinical marriage*
21 *and family therapist, master's level psychologist, clinical psychotherapist*
22 *or psychologist. Such licensees shall be eligible to take the examination as*
23 *required by paragraph (3);*

24 (3) has passed an examination approved by the board;

25 (4) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits
26 the public trust; and

27 (5) has paid the application fee established by the board under K.S.A.
28 65-6618, and amendments thereto.

29 (b) Applications for licensure as a master's addiction counselor shall
30 be made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.
31 Each applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the
32 applicant:

33 (1) (A) Has attained 21 years of age;

34 (B) (i) has completed at least a master's degree from an addiction
35 counseling program that is part of a college or university approved by the
36 board;

37 (ii) has completed at least a master's degree from a college or
38 university approved by the board. As part of or in addition to the master's
39 degree coursework, such applicant shall also complete a minimum number
40 of semester hours of coursework supporting the diagnosis and treatment of
41 substance use disorders as approved by the board; *or*

42 (iii) is currently licensed in Kansas as a licensed master social
43 worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family

- 1 therapist or licensed master's level psychologist;
- 2 (C) has passed an examination approved by the board;
- 3 (D) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits
4 the public trust; and
- 5 (E) has paid the application fee fixed under K.S.A. 65-6618, and
6 amendments thereto; or
- 7 (2) (A) has met the following requirements on or before July 1, 2016:
- 8 (i) Holds an active license by the board as an addiction counselor; and
- 9 (ii) has completed at least a master's degree in a related field from a
10 college or university approved by the board; and
- 11 (B) has completed six hours of continuing education in the diagnosis
12 and treatment of substance use disorders during the three years
13 immediately preceding the application date.
- 14 (c) Applications for licensure as a clinical addiction counselor shall
15 be made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.
16 Each applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the
17 applicant:
- 18 (1) Has attained 21 years of age;
- 19 (2) (A) (i) has completed at least a master's degree from an addiction
20 counseling program that is part of a college or university approved by the
21 board; and
- 22 (ii) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised
23 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan
24 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised
25 professional experience, including at least 1,500 hours of direct client
26 contact conducting substance abuse assessments and treatment with
27 individuals, couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of
28 face-to-face clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and
29 regulations, including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision,
30 except that the board may waive the requirement that such supervision be
31 face-to-face upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating
32 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders with use of the
33 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American
34 psychiatric association, except that the board may waive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hours
35 required by this clause for an individual who has a doctoral degree in
36 addiction counseling or a related field approved by the board and who
37 completes the required $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hours in not less than one year of
38 supervised professional experience; or
- 39 (B) (i) has completed at least a master's degree from a college or
40 university approved by the board. As part of or in addition to the master's
41 degree coursework, such applicant shall also complete a minimum number
42 of semester hours of coursework supporting the diagnosis and treatment of
43 substance use disorders as approved by the board; and

1 (ii) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised
2 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan
3 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised
4 professional experience, including at least 1,500 hours of direct client
5 contact conducting substance abuse assessments and treatment with
6 individuals, couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of
7 face-to-face clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and
8 regulations, including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision,
9 except that the board may waive the requirement that such supervision be
10 face-to-face upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating
11 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders with use of the
12 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American
13 psychiatric association, except that the board may waive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hours
14 required by this clause for an individual who has a doctoral degree in
15 addiction counseling or a related field approved by the board and who
16 completes the required $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hours in not less than one year of
17 supervised professional experience; or

18 (C) (i) has completed a master's degree from a college or university
19 approved by the board and is licensed by the board as a licensed master's
20 addiction counselor; and

21 (ii) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised
22 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan
23 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised
24 professional experience, including at least 1,500 hours of direct client
25 contact conducting substance abuse assessments and treatment with
26 individuals, couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of
27 face-to-face clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and
28 regulations, including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision,
29 except that the board may waive the requirement that such supervision be
30 face-to-face upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating
31 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders with use of the
32 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American
33 psychiatric association, except that the board may waive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hours
34 required by this clause for an individual who has a doctoral degree in
35 addiction counseling or a related field approved by the board and who
36 completes the required $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hours in not less than one year of
37 supervised professional experience; or

38 (D) is currently licensed in Kansas as a licensed psychologist,
39 licensed specialist clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional
40 counselor, licensed clinical psychotherapist or licensed clinical marriage
41 and family therapist and provides to the board an attestation from a
42 professional licensed to diagnose and treat mental disorders, or substance
43 use disorders, or both, in independent practice or licensed to practice

- 1 medicine and surgery stating that the applicant is competent to diagnose
- 2 and treat substance use disorders;
- 3 (3) has passed an examination approved by the board;
- 4 (4) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits
- 5 the public trust; and
- 6 (5) has paid the application fee fixed under K.S.A. 65-6618, and
- 7 amendments thereto.
- 8 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-6306 and 65-6610 are hereby repealed.
- 9 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 10 publication in the statute book.