

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

EXISTING CODE:

TITLE 43. PROFESSIONS AND BUSINESSES CHAPTER 10A. PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

EDUCATION: A **master's degree** from a recognized educational institution in a program that is primarily counseling in content. . . HISTORY: Code 1981, § 43-7A-11, enacted by Ga. L. 1984, p. 1406, § 1; Ga. L. 1990, p. 1484, § 3; Ga. L. 1993, p. 330, § 4; Ga. L. 1994, p. 450, § 3; Ga. L. 1997, p. 1387, § 3; Ga. L. 2002, p. 1479, §§ 2, 3.

EXPERIENCE: with **four years post-master Directed Experience OR 3 years of post-master's directed experience under supervision in the practice of Professional Counseling in a supervised counseling practicum** or internship of at least 300 hours which was part of the graduate degree program. HISTORY: Code 1981, § 43-7A-11, enacted by Ga. L. 1984, p. 1406, § 1; Ga. L. 1990, p. 1484, § 3; Ga. L. 1993, p. 330, § 4; Ga. L. 1994, p. 450, § 3; Ga. L. 1997, p. 1387, § 3; Ga. L. 2002, p. 1479, §§ 2, 3.

EXAMINATION: Having successfully **passed the examination established for that specialty** under Code Section 43-10A-9, except that persons meeting the requirements of subparagraph (a)(2)(A) of Code Section 43-10A-13 shall not be required to pass such examination; HISTORY: Code 1981, § 43-7A-8, enacted by Ga. L. 1984, p. 1406, § 1; Ga. L. 1989, p. 825, § 2; Ga. L. 1996, p. 843, § 2.

EDUCATION: A **master's degree** in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

HISTORY: Code 1981, § 43-7A-12, enacted by Ga. L. 1984, p. 1406, § 1; Ga. L. 1987, p. 467, § 1; Ga. L. 1990, p. 1484, §§ 4, 5; Ga. L. 1993, p. 330, § 5; Ga. L. 2012, p. 347, § 2/HB 434

EXPERIENCE: Of the **three years of supervised experience, only the first two must be under direction.** A doctoral degree in a specialty, an allied profession, or child and family development may substitute for one year of such experience. HISTORY: Code 1981, § 43-7A-12, enacted by Ga. L. 1984, p. 1406, § 1; Ga. L. 1987, p. 467, § 1; Ga. L. 1990, p. 1484, §§ 4, 5; Ga. L. 1993, p. 330, § 5; Ga. L. 2012, p. 347, § 2/HB 434

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PROPOSED RULES:

TITLE 135: GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

EXPERIENCE: Rule 135-5-.02 Professional Counselors

Directed Experience under Supervision. The applicant must present evidence of **four (4) years of post-master's directed experience under supervision** [see definitions in Rule 135-5-.02(a)] in the practice of Professional Counseling in a work setting acceptable to the Board **OR three (3) years of post-master's directed experience under supervision** in the practice of Professional Counseling in a work setting acceptable to the Board and **a supervised counseling practicum or internship of at least 300 hours** which was part of the graduate degree program. After September 30, 2018, 600 practicum or internship hours will be required. A minimum of two (2) years of the supervision must be provided by a supervisor who is a licensed Professional Counselor and meets the requirements in Rule 135-5-.02(a) 5, except that if the supervision was acquired prior to September 23, 1993, such supervision may have been provided by any qualified supervisor.

"Directed Experience" means time spent under direction engaging in the practice of professional counseling as defined in Rule 135-5-.02(a).

"One year of Directed Experience" means a minimum of **600 hours of directed experience acquired within a period of not less than twelve months and not more than twenty months.**

EXPERIENCE: Rule 135-5-.04 Clinical Social Workers

Experience - Masters Degree in Social Work. The applicant with a master's degree must have completed **three years' full-time supervised experience** in the practice of social work following granting of the master's degree. Of the three years of supervised experience, only the first two must be under direction.

1. The applicant must present evidence of having practiced clinical social work for a **minimum of 3000 hours** post social work master's degree supervised experience acquired over a period of no less than 36 months or more than 108 months, the **first 2000 hours of experience must be under supervision and direction** in the practice of clinical social work. **Applicant must submit documentation of having acquired 120 hours of supervision during this time**, no more than 50% of which may be group supervision and at least 50% must be provided by a licensed clinical social worker who meets requirements to be a duly qualified supervisor.