

DRAFT New Rule 4757-13-04 of 1/20/12

The following draft is to implement a change to allow applicants holding both a doctoral degree in Counselor Education from appropriately accredited programs to obtain a professional counselor license under a consent agreement. The consent agreement would recognize the 100+ hours of counselor course work involved in the degrees and allow an applicant who is missing some clinical level coursework to become licensed. The consent agreement would require that the additional course work be completed in order to renew his or her LPC and/or be eligible for professional clinical counselor licensure.

Potential issues:

- This fits the current statute, but may not fit the change requested to Section 4757.23, which lists the clinical coursework hours and each area.
- I changed to not refer to 4757-13-02 and include those areas in a separate paragraph.

4757-13-04 Licensure and education requirements for admission of applicants holding a doctoral degree in counselor education to the examination for professional counselor who do not meet the education requirements in rule 4757-13-01

(A) The requirements for licensure as a professional Counselor are generally set forth in sections 4757.22 and 4757.23 of the Revised Code. Applicants holding a doctoral degree in counselor education have completed considerable numbers of hours of coursework beyond the minimum requirements. Applicants shall be granted a professional counselor license once they meet the requirements in paragraph (B) or (C) and paragraph (D) of this rule. Applicants holding a license in another state for more than five years shall apply under endorsement per rule 4757-13-06 of the Administrative Code.

(B) If an applicant holds a doctoral degree in counselor education but is missing specific courses required in paragraph (A)(5) of rule 4757-13-01, the board may offer them a consent agreement for professional counselor licensure with the following stipulations:

- (1) The applicant shall have completed all core courses in paragraph (A)(4) of rule 4757-13-01 with emphasis on the internship including the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.
- (2) The applicant shall document completion of all clinical courses in paragraph (A)(5) of rule 4757-13-01 before he or she is able to renew the professional counselor license. Should the coursework not be completed the professional counselor license may not be renewed until the course work is completed and documented by a transcript received at the board directly from the institution. The transcript courses shall be acceptable course(s) if they meet the requirements of paragraph (J)(1) of rule 4757-3-01.
- (3) The consent agreement shall clearly delineate the necessary coursework to meet the requirements of paragraph (A)(5) of rule 4757-13-01 of the Administrative Code.

(C) All applicants for licensure as a professional counselor under this rule shall:

- (1) Meet the educational requirements as established in paragraph (B) or (C) of this rule.
- (2) Successfully complete the licensure examination prescribed by the counselor professional standards committee. Applicants for the professional counselor examination shall have passed the required examination within ten years of application date.
- (3) Be of good moral character.
- (4) Have met all of the initial application requirements established in rule 4757-1-04 of the Administrative Code.

This is the language for changes to 4757.23 for PC licensure:

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4757.23 add the specific clinical course work to the section for PC licensure in order to avoid confusion and have clear authority to require that course work instead of doing so in rule.

(C) To be accepted by the committee for purposes of division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at least the following:

(1) Instruction in human growth and development; counseling theory; counseling techniques; group dynamics, processing, and counseling; appraisal of individuals; research and evaluation; professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities; social and cultural foundations; and lifestyle and career development;

(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and internship in counseling.

(3) The individual must complete a minimum of sixty semester or ninety quarter hours of graduate credit in counselor training acceptable to the committee, including a minimum of twenty semester or thirty quarter hours of instruction in the following areas:

(a) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal behavior;

(b) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders;

(c) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders;

(d) Methods of prevention, intervention, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

We could add a paragraph to Section 4757.23 as follows, which would only apply to the PC since this exception is not part of Section 4757.22:

(4) Applicants who hold a doctoral degree in counselor education and do not meet the training requirements under paragraph (3) of this Division are eligible for a consent agreement to allow completion of the missing coursework within the first two years of licensure as a professional counselor.

OR

(4) Applicants who hold a doctoral degree in counselor education shall be deemed to meet the training requirements under paragraph (3) of this Division.