333.18107.amended Professional counselor license; qualifications; rules.

Sec. 18107. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the department may grant a professional counselor license to an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Is not less than 18 years of age.

(b) Has received, from an accredited college or university approved by the department, a master's or doctoral degree in counseling from a qualified program, or a degree determined by the department in consultation with the board to be substantially equivalent to a counseling degree from a qualified program. The department in consultation with the board shall promulgate rules to establish standards to approve qualified programs.

(c) Has at least 2 years of counseling experience under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor. The department in consultation with the board may decrease the required length of counseling experience under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor to 1 year if an applicant has completed a doctoral degree in counseling. An applicant shall not be licensed before completing 1 year of counseling experience under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor.

(2) The department in consultation with the board shall promulgate rules under section 16145 as necessary or appropriate to supplement the requirements for licensure under this part as a licensed professional counselor, including adopting updated standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs or a successor organization.


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