

PROPOSED REGULATORY AMENDMENTS

§1833. EXPERIENCE

(a) In order for experience to qualify under Section 4980.40~~(f)~~ of the Code, it must meet the following criteria:

(1) It must have been gained in accordance with Sections 4980.42 through 4980.45 of the Code and the regulations contained in this article.

(2) Experience shall not be credited for more than forty (40) hours in any week.

(3) No more than five hundred (500) hours of experience will be credited for providing group therapy or group counseling.

~~—(4) No more than two hundred fifty (250) hours of experience will be credited for administering and evaluating psychological tests of counselees, writing clinical reports, writing progress notes, or writing process notes; except that for any person who enrolled in a qualifying degree program prior to January 1, 1990, no more than five hundred (500) hours of experience may be credited for such activities.~~

~~—(5) For any person who enrolls in a qualifying degree program on or after January 1, 1990, no more than two hundred fifty (250) hours of experience will be credited for actual time spent counseling or crisis counseling on the telephone.~~

~~(6)~~⁽⁴⁾ For any person who enrolls in a qualifying degree program on or after January 1, 1990, not less than five hundred (500) total hours of experience shall have been gained in diagnosing and treating couples, families, and children.

(b) The term "supervision", as used in this article, includes ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed is consistent with the education, training, and experience of the person being supervised; reviewing client/patient records, monitoring and evaluating assessment, diagnosis, and treatment decisions of the intern or trainee; monitoring and evaluating the ability of the intern or trainee to provide services at the site(s) where he or she will be practicing and to the particular clientele being served; and ensuring compliance with laws and regulations governing the practice of marriage and family therapy. Supervision shall include that amount of direct observation, or review of audio or video tapes of therapy, as deemed appropriate by the supervisor. Supervision shall be credited only upon the following conditions:

(1) During each week in which experience is claimed and for each work setting in which experience is gained, an applicant shall have at least one (1) hour of one-on-one, individual, face-to-face supervisor contact or two (2) hours of face-to-face supervisor contact in a group of not more than eight (8) persons receiving supervision. No more than five (5) hours of supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during any single week.

(2) The applicant shall have received at least one (1) hour of one-on-one, individual, face-to-face supervisor contact per week for a minimum of fifty-two (52) weeks.

(3) Any experience obtained under the supervision of a spouse, relative, or domestic partner shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience. Any experience obtained under the supervision of a supervisor with whom the applicant has had or currently has a personal or business relationship which undermines the authority or effectiveness of the supervisor shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience.

(4) In a setting which is not a private practice, the authorized supervisor may be employed by the applicant's employer on either a paid or a voluntary basis. If such employment is on a voluntary basis, a written agreement must be executed between the supervisor and the organization, prior to commencement of supervision, in which the supervisor agrees to ensure that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed by the intern or trainee is consistent with the intern or trainee's training, education, and experience, and is appropriate in extent, kind, and quality. The agreement shall contain an acknowledgment by the employer that the employer:

(A) Is aware of the licensing requirements that must be met by the intern or trainee and agrees not to interfere with the supervisor's legal and ethical obligations to ensure compliance with those requirements; and

(B) Agrees to provide the supervisor access to clinical records of the clients counseled by the intern or trainee.

(c) Professional enrichment activities may be credited toward the experience requirement as specified in this article and by Section 4980.43~~(d)(1)~~ of the Code.

(1) No more than two hundred fifty (250) hours of verified attendance, with the approval of the applicant's supervisor, at workshops, seminars, training sessions, or conferences directly related to marriage and family therapy will be credited.

(2) No more than one hundred (100) hours of psychotherapy, which will be triple counted, received as specified in Section 4980.43~~(d)(2)~~ of the Code, will be credited.

(d) Experience gained by interns and trainees shall be subject to the following conditions, as applicable:

(1) When an intern employed in private practice is supervised by someone other than the employer, the supervisor must be employed by and practice at the same site(s) as the intern's employer.

(2) A trainee shall not perform services in a private practice.

(3) Interns and trainees may only perform services as employees or volunteers and not as independent contractors.

(e) Effective January 1, 1991, trainees and interns shall maintain a log of all hours of experience gained toward licensure. The log shall be in the form specified below and shall be signed by the supervisor on a weekly basis. An applicant shall retain all logs until such time as the applicant is licensed by the board. The board shall have the right to require an applicant to submit all or such portions of the log as it deems necessary to verify hours of experience.

[See Barclays Official California Code of Regulations for original illustration]

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4980.35 and 4980.60, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4980.35, 4980.40~~(f)~~, and 4980.42 through 4980.45, Business and Professions Code.