

Michigan Counseling Association
Licensure, Public Policy & Legislation Committee
Administrative Rule Changes Summary
(4/13/12)

Please note that this is a summary of *some of the highlights* of the rule changes effective immediately for LLPC's and LPC's in the State of Michigan. Please review the complete copy of the amended rules at the following link:

http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/orr/Files%5CAdminCode%5C955_2010-031LR_AdminCode.pdf

Summary of Highlights:

Highlight 1: The 2009 CACREP standards are now cited in the administrative rules. Program accreditation is not required for licensure, however, counseling degrees from accredited programs continue to be automatically accepted by the Board.

- (1) *The board shall approve a counselor training program that is conducted in a higher education institution that meets the standards in R 338.1753a and complies with 1 of the following:*
 - (a) *The program consists of not less than 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours in counseling-related topics.*
 - (b) *The program meets the 2009 standards of the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs (cacrep) for accrediting master's-level counseling degree programs and doctoral-level counseling education and supervision programs, which the board adopts by reference as set forth in the document entitled "Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), 2009 Standards."*
 - (c) *The program meets the 2001 standards of the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs (cacrep) for accrediting master's-level counseling degree programs and doctoral-level counseling education and supervision programs, which the board adopts by reference as set forth in the document entitled "Council for Accreditation of Counseling and related Educational Programs (CACREP), 2001 Standards."*
 - (d) *The Program meets the standards for accrediting rehabilitation counselor education programs of the council on rehabilitation education, which the board adopts by reference as set forth in the document entitled "Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) Accreditation Manual," 2009 edition with revised standards effective January 1, 2011.*

- (2) *The program shall include graduate course work in all of the following content areas:*
 - (a) *Career development*
 - (b) *Consulting*
 - (c) *Counseling techniques*

- (d) Counseling theories*
- (e) Counseling philosophy*
- (f) Group techniques*
- (g) Professional ethics*
- (h) Research methods*
- (i) Multicultural counseling*
- (j) Testing procedures and assessment*
- (k) Practicum*

(3) The program shall include an internship that consists of not less than 600 hours of supervised clinical experience in counseling.

Highlight 2: Applicants for licensure must pass either the NCE or the CORE exam with a passing score established by the testing organization. There is no longer a set cutoff score listed in the rules. The passing score is now established by the testing organization.

Applicants must pass the national counselor examination developed by the national board for certified counselors. The passing score for the national counselor examination is the passing score established by the national board of certified counselors.

Applicants must pass the certification examination developed by the commission on rehabilitation counselor certification. The passing score on the certification examination shall be the passing score established by the commission on rehabilitation counselor certification.

Highlight 3: There is now a deadline for an LLPC to apply for full licensure. The LLPC may be renewed annually for no more than 10 years.

Application requirements; limited licenses; disclosure of supervision requirements.

(1) An application for licensure as a limited licensed professional counselor shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee, and the professional disclosure statement required under the code. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated pursuant thereto, an application shall meet the requirements of this rule.

(2) An applicant for limited license under section 18111 of the code shall establish that the applicant has received a master's or doctoral degree in counseling or student personnel work in a program approved by the board, as specified in R 338.1753.

(3) An applicant shall submit a professional disclosure statement with an application for limited license, as required under section 18113(3) of the code. The limited licensed professional

counselor's professional disclosure statement when provided to the client shall state that the limited licensed professional counselor shall practice under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor. In addition to the requirements under section 18113 of the code, the disclosure statement shall identify the licensed professional counselor who is supervising the limited licensed professional counselor's practice.

(4) An applicant shall provide for his or her licensed to be verified on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state or territory of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a professional counselor. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed upon the applicant.

(5) Effective January 1, 2012, a limited license may be renewed annually, but for no more than 10 years. In cases of hardship, the board may consider a request for an extension of this time period.

Highlight 4: LPC's providing LLPC supervision prior to January 1, 2013 must have at least 3 years of counseling experience in addition to having received training in counselor supervision. LPC's who did not begin providing LLPC supervision until after January 1, 2013 must have at least 3 years of counseling experience in addition to having received **specific training** in counselor supervision.

(1) Before providing counseling supervision, a licensed professional counselor shall comply with 1 of the following:

(a) For licensed individuals who are providing supervision on or before January 1, 2013, have training in the function of counseling supervision and have acquired at least 3 years of experience in counseling.

(b) For licensed individuals who began providing supervision and January 1, 2013, have acquired at least 3 years of practice in counseling and have completed training in the function of counseling supervision that complies with the requirements of subrule (2) of this rule.

Highlight 4: New LPC supervisors (those who begin to provide supervision after January 1, 2013) must have completed specific training in supervision, meeting specific content and hour requirements.

(2) Training in the function of counseling supervision shall include both of the following requirements:

(a) Include 1 of the following as specialized training:

(i) 2 semester hours of graduate credit in training in counseling supervision.

(ii) 30 contact hours of workshop training in counseling supervision.

(b) The specialized training specified in subrule (2)(a) of this rule shall include studies in all of the following topics:

(i) Roles and functions of counseling supervisors.

(ii) Models of counseling supervision.

(iii) Mental health-related development.

(iv) Methods and techniques in counseling supervision,

(v) Supervision relationship issues.

(vi) Cultural issues in supervision.

(vii) Group Supervision.

(viii) Legal and ethical issues in counseling supervision.

(ix) Evaluation of supervisee and the supervision process.

Highlight 5: LPC supervisors must provide a written statement to LLPC supervisees addressing the supervisor's qualifications.

(3) Before the onset of supervision, a licensed professional counselor shall provide a supervisee with a written statement that addresses the licensee's supervising qualifications, including how the licensee complies with the requirements in subrule (1) and (2) of this rule.

Highlight 6: LPC supervisors must maintain supervisory notes.

(4) A licensee who provides counseling supervision shall keep ongoing documentation, including, but not limited to, performance and clinical notes, for each supervisee on the supervision being provided.