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R4-6-701. Licensed Substance Abuse Technician Curriculum

- A.** An applicant for licensure as a substance abuse technician shall present evidence acceptable to the substance abuse credentialing committee that the applicant has earned:
 - 1. An associate of applied science degree from a regionally accredited college or university in chemical dependency with the following semester credit hours:
 - a. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours of counseling related coursework as determined by the substance abuse credentialing committee, and
 - b. A minimum of 18 of the 30 semester credit hours of coursework required in subsection (A)(1)(a) shall specifically relate to chemical dependency, or
 - 2. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in a behavioral science with a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of counseling related coursework as determined by the substance abuse credentialing committee.
- B.** Coursework restrictions and limitations:
 - 1. The Board shall not accept coursework in a general survey course, such as Psychology 101, as meeting the coursework requirements of this Section.
 - 2. The Board shall not accept coursework that does not include a significant clinical component, such as statistics, as meeting the coursework requirements of this Section.
 - 3. Undergraduate or graduate coursework completed outside of the associate of applied science degree and submitted to meet curriculum requirements shall constitute no more than six semester credit hours.
 - 4. Undergraduate or graduate coursework completed outside of the bachelor's degree and submitted to meet curriculum requirements shall constitute no more than six semester credit hours.
- C.** The substance abuse credentialing committee may waive the education requirement in subsection (A) for an applicant requesting licensure as a substance abuse technician if the applicant demonstrates the following:
 - 1. The applicant provides services pursuant to a contract or grant with the federal government under the authority of 25 U.S.C. 450 - 450(n) or 25 U.S.C. 1601 - 1683;
 - 2. The applicant has obtained a high school diploma or equivalent degree; or
 - 3. Because of cultural considerations, obtaining the degree required for substance abuse technician licensure would be an extreme hardship for the applicant;
 - 4. The applicant has completed a minimum of 6400 hours of supervised work experience in substance abuse counseling in no less than 48 months within the seven years immediately preceding the date of application;
 - 5. The 6400 hours of supervised work experience in substance abuse counseling shall include a minimum of 3200 hours of direct client contact, and
 - 6. The applicant has completed a minimum of 200 hours of clinical supervision in no less than 48 months within the supervised work experience submitted pursuant to R4-6-701 (C)(4).
- D.** The supervised work experience in the practice of substance abuse counseling required in subsection (C) is limited to the use of psychotherapy for the purpose of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of individuals, couples, families, and groups as they relate to substance abuse and chemical dependency issues.

- E.** During the period of required supervised work experience in the practice of substance abuse counseling required in subsection (C), an applicant for substance abuse technician licensure shall not engage in independent practice.
- F.** During the supervised work experience required in subsection (C), an applicant for substance abuse technician licensure shall demonstrate satisfactory performance in the following areas as they relate to substance abuse counseling by having the applicant's clinical supervisor submit a performance evaluation on forms available from the agency:
 - 1. Intake;
 - 2. Diagnostics;
 - 3. Assessment;
 - 4. Triage;
 - 5. Crisis intervention;
 - 6. Treatment planning;
 - 7. Family, group, and individual therapy;
 - 8. Outreach; and
 - 9. Consultation with other professionals.
- G.** The time span covered by the performance evaluations required under subsection (F) shall be the same as that for the supervised work experience required in subsection (C).
- H.** Clinical supervision of an applicant for substance abuse technician licensure required in subsection (C) shall be provided by an independent substance abuse counselor licensed in Arizona.
- I.** An applicant may submit a written request to the substance abuse credentialing committee for an exemption from subsection (H). The request shall include the name of the behavioral health professional proposed by the applicant to act as the clinical supervisor, a copy of the proposed supervisor's transcript and curriculum vitae, and any additional documentation requested by the committee.
 - 1. The substance abuse credentialing committee shall review the supervision exemption request to determine whether the proposed supervisor has the necessary education, training, and experience to provide supervision acceptable for substance abuse technician licensure. If the proposed supervisor has the necessary education, training, and experience, the substance abuse credentialing committee shall grant the supervision exemption request.
 - 2. The substance abuse credentialing committee will not grant an exemption request for an unlicensed clinical supervisor providing clinical supervision in Arizona after July 1, 2006, except than an exemption may be granted by the committee if the clinical supervisor holds a current active license to practice behavioral health at the independent level and is providing services pursuant to a contract or grant with the federal government under the authority of 25 U.S.C. 450 – 450(n) or 25 U.S.C. 1601 – 1683.
- J.** A person who is licensed pursuant to subsection (C) shall only provide substance abuse counseling services to those eligible for services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 450 - 450(n) or 25 U.S.C. 1601 - 1683.