

## Supervised Work Experience and Clinical Supervision Requirements

### R4-6-503 Supervised Work Experience for Professional Counselor Licensure

- A. An applicant for professional counselor licensure shall demonstrate completion of at least ~~3200~~ hours of supervised work experience in the practice of professional counseling in no less than 24 months. The applicant shall ensure that the supervised work experience includes:
1. At least 1600 hours of direct client contact involving the use of psychotherapy;
  2. No more than 400 of the 1600 hours of direct client contact are in psychoeducation;
  3. At least 100 hours of clinical supervision as prescribed under R4-6-212 and R4-6-504; and
  4. ~~For the purpose of licensure, no more than 1600 hours of indirect client contact related to psychotherapy services.~~
- B. For any month in which an applicant provides direct client contact, the applicant shall obtain at least one hour of clinical supervision.
- C. An applicant may submit more than the required ~~3200~~ hours of supervised work experience for consideration by the Board.
- D. During the period of supervised work experience specified in subsection (A), an applicant for professional counselor licensure shall practice behavioral health under the limitations specified in R4-6-210.
- E. There is no supervised work experience requirement for licensure as an associate counselor.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Senate Bill 1089:** *Effective September 29, 2021*

**Indirect Hours for Supervised Work Experience:** On March 18, 2021, Governor Ducey signed [Senate Bill 1089](#) which amended A.R.S. §§ 32-3293 (social work), 32-3301 (counseling), 32-3311 (marriage and family therapy), and 32-3321 (substance abuse counseling). As a result, indirect client hours no longer need to be tracked; however, 1600 direct client hours are still required in addition to at least 100 hours of clinical supervision in no less than 24 months. The supervisor must also attest that the supervisee was observed during supervised hours to have demonstrated satisfactory competency in clinical documentation, consultation, collaboration and coordination of care related to clients to whom the supervisee provided direct care. All verification forms are updated and posted to the website.

**R4-6-504. Clinical Supervision for Professional Counselor Licensure**

- A.** An applicant for professional counselor licensure shall demonstrate that the applicant received at least 100 hours of clinical supervision that meet the requirements specified in subsection (B) and R4-6-212 during the supervised work experience required under R4-6-503.
- B.** The Board shall accept hours of clinical supervision for professional counselor licensure from the following behavioral health professionals who meet the educational requirements under R4-6-214:
  - 1. A licensed professional counselor;
  - 2. A licensed clinical social worker;
  - 3. A licensed marriage and family therapist;
  - 4. A licensed psychologist; or
  - 5. An individual for whom an exemption was obtained under [R4-6-212.01](#).
- C.** The Board shall not accept hours of clinical supervision provided by a substance abuse counselor for professional counselor licensure.