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Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors & Therapists	833
Agency and Division	Administrative Rules Chapter Number
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RULE CAPTION

Proposed addition of license application method for counselor-educators.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identify the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION

ADOPT: 833-020-0075

AMEND: 833-020-0021

Stat. Auth.: ORS 675.785

Other Auth.:

Stats. Implemented: ORS 675.715 – 675.720

RULE SUMMARY

Adds a license application method that would allow counselor-educators to use their graduate teaching experience as a substitute for some coursework required for licensure.

Establishes requirements for applications through the counselor educator method

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing the negative economic impact of the rule on business.

February 8, 2012 will be the last day for public comment
(Last day to submit written comments to the Rules Coordinator)

	Becky Eklund	12/14/2011
Signature	Printed name	Date

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Rule Caption (Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.)

In the Matter of: Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors license application process

Statutory Authority: ORS 675.785

Other Authority:

Stats. Implemented: ORS 675.715 – 675.720

Need for the Rule(s):

Allows more well-qualified counselors and therapists to meet requirements for licensing as professional counselors and marriage and family therapist. College faculty to substitute some of their teaching experience for some academic coursework required for licensure.

Documents Relied Upon, and where they are available:

Documents are in the Board office:

- December 9, 2011 Board meeting minutes
- Counselor educator work group meeting notes
- Email messages with board and work group members

Fiscal and Economic Impact:

None. Applying for license as a professional counselor or marriage and family therapist through the counselor educator method is optional.

Statement of Cost of Compliance:

1. Impact on state agencies, units of local government and the public (ORS 183.335(2)(b)(E)): None.
2. Cost of compliance effect on small business (ORS 183.336):
 - a. Estimate the number of small businesses and types of business and industries with small businesses subject to the rule:
None.
 - b. Projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative activities required for compliance, including costs of professional services:
None.
 - c. Equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration required for compliance:
None.

How were small businesses involved in the development of this rule? Faculty and board members in private practice participated in the rule development process.

Administrative Rule Advisory Committee consulted?

Yes.

Signature

Becky Eklund
Printed name

Date

Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors & Therapists
Division 20
Application Methods

833-020-0021 Methods of Application

(1) Applications for licensure must indicate one of the following methods. ~~for compliance with the supervised work requirements for licensure:~~

- (a) Intern registration;
- (b) Direct;
- (c) Reciprocity;
- (d) Re-licensure; ~~or~~
- (e) Reapplication; **or**

(f) Counselor educator.

(2) Applicants may request permission to change their method of application or license requested without re-application if they do so within the year allowed to complete application.

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Counselor Educator Method

(1) The counselor educator method is for applicants who seek acceptance of graduate level teaching to meet education and clinical experience requirements for licensure.

(2) Application for licensure must be submitted to the board office in accordance with OAR Chapter 833, Division 20.

(3) The application must also include documentation that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) Taught classes that meet coursework areas required for Oregon licensing as a professional counselor or marriage and family therapist, as specified in OAR 833, Division 60 Graduate Degree Standards;

(A) At a university accredited by a national program or regional accreditation body; and

(B) Full time, for at least 3 years.

(b) Holds a masters degree or higher in a mental health field, consistent with graduate degree standards in OAR 833-060-0012 and 833-060-0022; and

(c) Teaches at least 100 clock hours of clinically related courses within one year after applying for license and before license is granted.

(A) Clinically related courses include:

i. treatment planning;

ii. practicum; and

iii. supervising graduate students in internship.

(d) Has a minimum of 100 hours supervising graduate students, interns registered with the board, licensed professional counselors, or marriage and family therapists.

(A) Supervision hours must have been accumulated in no less than 2 years and no more than 5 years.

(e) Certification as a supervisor by a national counseling or marriage and family therapy organization may substitute for supervising experience.

(f) Earned at least 2,000 hours of supervised clinical experience

(A) Acquired in a minimum of 3 years;

(B) The supervisor met supervision requirements specified in OAR 833-030-0031 or 833-040-0031 and;

(C) The number of supervision hours was at least equivalent to license requirements for a professional counselor established in OAR 833-030-0021 or marriage and family therapist requirements in OAR 833-040-0021.

(g) Pass an exam as specified in OAR 833-020-0085.

(4) Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation or support for licensing from the employing university graduate program director or division attesting to the applicant's clinical skills and ethical and professional behavior.

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