

STATE OF OREGON
BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

In the Matter of the Application)
for Licensure by)

FINAL ORDER
REFUSAL TO ISSUE LICENSE

Alicia A. Bone
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After notice and hearing before a majority of the Board on December 9, 1994 on the proposed refusal to issue a license as a marriage and family therapist to Alicia A. Bone, the Board makes the following disposition:

FINDINGS OF FACT ,

(1) Alicia A. Bone holds a master of science degree in counseling with emphasis in marriage, family and child counseling awarded August 17, 1990 by California State University, Fresno.

(2) California State University, Fresno has made application to the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) for approval as a counseling program offering a specialty in the area of marriage, family and child counseling. California State University, Fresno has not made application to the Commission on Accreditation of Marriage and Family Therapy Education for approval as a marriage and family therapy education program.

(3) California State University, Fresno, for graduation with a master of science degree in counseling, required course semester credits in: introduction to counseling (3); counseling issues (3); research or education or thesis (3); cultural foundations (3); techniques (3); testing (3); group processing (3); marriage, family and child counseling studies (3); the older adult (3), family counseling (3); and practicum in counseling (4); practicum in counseling (4); practicum in marriage and family counseling (4); a work experience; and thesis or counseling course (3).

(4) California State University, Fresno did not require a course in human development. The college did not require at least 10 semester hours of coursework in specific marriage and family studies, marriage and family therapy, or professional studies that included professional orientation or other couples or families issues training.

(5) Alicia A. Bone completed three semester hours of coursework in marriage and family studies; six semester hours in marriage and family therapy, three semester hours of professional studies in addition to other counseling courses.

(6) Standards adopted by the Board require as a minimum, that the degree program in marriage and family therapy require graduates to complete at least 4 semester hours of training in human development; 4 semester hours of training in marriage and family studies; 1.5 semester hours of training in marriage and family therapy, and four semester hours training in professional studies.

(7) Alicia A. Bone has passed the National Counselor Examination, a national counselor examination for counselors with a variety of specialty areas.

(8) Alicia A. Bone has not passed a marriage and family therapy examination prescribed by the Board.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Alicia Bone did not complete a marriage and family therapy education program meeting standards comparable to those set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education nor adopted by the Board as identifying a marriage and family therapy program. Alicia Bone has not qualified for examination as a marriage and family therapist in Oregon, nor has she passed an examination prescribed by the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Alicia A. Bone does not hold a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy in a program approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (CAMFTE), or a graduate degree, under standards explicitly adopted by the board by rule that is determined to be comparable in both content and quality to a program approved by CAMFTE, or a graduate degree determined to meet a majority of the board's adopted degree standards as required for licensure by ORS 675.715(2).

OPINION

Alicia A. Bone completed a counseling program that offered an emphasis in marriage, family, and child counseling. The Oregon marriage and family therapist license is a specialty license that focuses on the preponderance of training in the systemic approach to couples and family issues, rather than an emphasis on training in dealing with relationships between couples or within families. It is the opinion of the Board that the California State University, Fresno program offered courses that focused on working with individuals (a child or an older adult) within these units as well as offering training in a variety of techniques which traditionally identifies a counselor education program.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Alicia A. Bone's application for licensure as a marriage and family therapist be refused.

DATED this 28th day of March, 1995


Joshua D. Kadish, Member and
Presiding Officer at Hearing
Oregon State Board of Licensed
Professional Counselors and Therapists

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NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the service of this order. Judicial review is pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482 to the Oregon Court of Appeals.