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1 AN ACT Relating to the completion of supervised experience
2 through distance supervision; and amending RCW 18.225.090.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.225.090 and 2013 c 73 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The secretary shall issue a license to any applicant who
7 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant
8 meets the following education and experience requirements for the
9 applicant's practice area.

10 (a) Licensed social work classifications:

11 (i) Licensed advanced social worker:

12 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate social work
13 educational program accredited by the council on social work
14 education and approved by the secretary based upon nationally
15 recognized standards;

16 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

17 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

18 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of three
19 thousand two hundred hours with supervision by an approved supervisor
20 who has been licensed for at least two years. Of those supervised
21 hours:

1 (I) At least ninety hours must include direct supervision as
2 specified in this subsection by a licensed independent clinical
3 social worker, a licensed advanced social worker, or an equally
4 qualified licensed mental health professional. Of those hours of
5 directly supervised experience:

6 (1) At least fifty hours must include supervision by a licensed
7 advanced social worker or licensed independent clinical social
8 worker; the other forty hours may be supervised by an equally
9 qualified licensed mental health practitioner; and

10 (2) At least forty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
11 fifty hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision;

12 (II) Distance supervision is limited to forty supervision hours;
13 and

14 (III) Eight hundred hours must be in direct client contact; and

15 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
16 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

17 (ii) Licensed independent clinical social worker:

18 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate level social work
19 educational program accredited by the council on social work
20 education and approved by the secretary based upon nationally
21 recognized standards;

22 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

23 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.
24 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of four
25 thousand hours of experience, over a period of not less than three
26 years, with supervision by an approved supervisor who has been
27 licensed for at least two years and, as specified in this subsection,
28 may be either a licensed independent clinical social worker who has
29 had at least one year of experience in supervising the clinical
30 social work of others or an equally qualified licensed mental health
31 practitioner. Of those supervised hours:

32 (I) At least one thousand hours must be direct client contact;

33 (II) Hours of direct supervision must include:

34 (1) At least one hundred thirty hours by a licensed mental health
35 practitioner;

36 (2) At least seventy hours of supervision with a licensed
37 independent clinical social worker meeting the qualifications under
38 this subsection (1)(a)(ii)(C); the other sixty hours may be
39 supervised by an equally qualified licensed mental health
40 practitioner; and

1 (3) At least sixty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
2 seventy hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision;
3 and

4 (III) (~~Distance supervision is limited to sixty supervision~~
5 ~~hours~~) The supervised experience hours required by this subsection
6 (1)(a)(ii)(C) may be completed through distance learning; and

7 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
8 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

9 (b) Licensed mental health counselor:

10 (i) Graduation from a master's or doctoral level educational
11 program in mental health counseling or a related discipline from a
12 college or university approved by the secretary based upon nationally
13 recognized standards;

14 (ii) Successful completion of an approved examination;

15 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience
16 requirement. The experience requirement consists of a minimum of
17 thirty-six months full-time counseling or three thousand hours of
18 postgraduate mental health counseling under the supervision of a
19 qualified licensed mental health counselor or equally qualified
20 licensed mental health practitioner, in an approved setting. The
21 three thousand hours of required experience includes a minimum of one
22 hundred hours spent in immediate supervision with the qualified
23 licensed mental health counselor, and includes a minimum of one
24 thousand two hundred hours of direct counseling with individuals,
25 couples, families, or groups; and

26 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements
27 of thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

28 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist:

29 (i) Graduation from a master's degree or doctoral degree
30 educational program in marriage and family therapy or graduation from
31 an educational program in an allied field equivalent to a master's
32 degree or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy approved by
33 the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

34 (ii) Successful passage of an approved examination;

35 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience
36 requirement. The experience requirement consists of a minimum of two
37 calendar years of full-time marriage and family therapy. Of the total
38 supervision, one hundred hours must be with a licensed marriage and
39 family therapist with at least five years' clinical experience; the

1 other one hundred hours may be with an equally qualified licensed
2 mental health practitioner. Total experience requirements include:

3 (A) A minimum of three thousand hours of experience, one thousand
4 hours of which must be direct client contact; at least five hundred
5 hours must be gained in diagnosing and treating couples and families;
6 plus

7 (B) At least two hundred hours of qualified supervision with a
8 supervisor. At least one hundred of the two hundred hours must be
9 one-on-one supervision, and the remaining hours may be in one-on-one
10 or group supervision.

11 Applicants who have completed a master's program accredited by
12 the commission on accreditation for marriage and family therapy
13 education of the American association for marriage and family therapy
14 may be credited with five hundred hours of direct client contact and
15 one hundred hours of formal meetings with an approved supervisor; and

16 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements
17 of thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

18 (2) The department shall establish by rule what constitutes
19 adequate proof of meeting the criteria. Only rules in effect on the
20 date of submission of a completed application of an associate for her
21 or his license shall apply. If the rules change after a completed
22 application is submitted but before a license is issued, the new
23 rules shall not be reason to deny the application.

24 (3) In addition, applicants shall be subject to the grounds for
25 denial of a license or issuance of a conditional license under
26 chapter 18.130 RCW.

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