

**65-6616. Construction of act.** Nothing in the addiction counselor licensure act shall be construed:

(a) To prevent addiction counseling practice by students or interns or individuals preparing for the practice of addiction counseling to practice under qualified supervision of a professional, recognized and approved by the board, in an educational institution or agency so long as they are designated by titles such as "student," "trainee," "intern" or other titles clearly indicating training status;

(b) to authorize the practice of psychology, medicine and surgery, professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, master's level psychology or social work or other professions licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board;

(c) to apply to the activities and services of a rabbi, priest, minister, clergy person or organized ministry of any religious denomination or sect, including a Christian-Science practitioner, unless such person or individual who is a part of the organized ministry is a licensed addiction counselor;

(d) to apply to the activities and services of qualified members of other professional groups including, but not limited to, attorneys, physicians, psychologists, master's level psychologists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, or other professions licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board, registered nurses or social workers performing services consistent with the laws of this state, their training and the code of ethics of their profession, so long as they do not represent themselves as being an addiction counselor; or

(e) to prevent qualified persons from doing work within the standards and ethics of their respective professions and callings provided they do not hold themselves out to the public by any title or description of services as being an addiction counselor.

**History:** L. 2010, ch. 45; § 10; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 16; L. 2016, ch. 92, § 60; July 1.