

Select Text From K.A.R. 102-2-12. Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Work Licensure Requirements

The current K.A.R. 102-2-12 (in the process of being struck due to passage of 2021 HB 2208) is included below:

(b) Each applicant for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker who earns a degree on or after July 1, 2003 shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Satisfactory completion of 15 graduate-level credit hours supporting diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders using the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. Three of the 15 credit hours shall consist of a discrete academic course whose primary and explicit focus is upon psychopathology and the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders as classified in the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders. The 15 graduate-level credit hours shall be from a social work program accredited by the council on social work education or a social work program in substantial compliance as prescribed in K.A.R. 102-2-6 and approved by the board; and

(2) completion of one of the following experience requirements:

(A) A graduate-level, supervised clinical practicum of professional experience that includes psychotherapy and assessment. The practicum shall integrate diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as identified in K.A.R. 102-2-14 and shall include not less than 350 hours of direct client contact; or

(B) postgraduate supervised experience including psychotherapy and assessment. The experience shall integrate diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, as specified in K.A.R. 102-2-14. The experience shall consist of not less than 700 hours of supervised experience, including not less than 350 hours of direct client contact. This experience shall be in addition to the 4,000 hours of postgraduate, supervised experience required for each licensed specialist clinical social worker, as specified in subsection (c). The applicant shall provide documentation of this postgraduate experience on board-approved forms. The supervision shall comply with K.A.R. 102-2-8 and K.A.R. 102-2-12(c) and shall be in addition to the supervision requirements in K.A.R. 102-2-12(c)(4).