

Chapter SFC 11

APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION

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Note: Chapter SFC 11 was created as an emergency rule effective April 26, 1993.

SFC 11.01 Application for certification as a professional counselor. (1) In addition to paying the fee under s. 440.05 (1), Stats., an applicant for certification as a professional counselor shall submit the completed, signed application form and:

(a) A certificate of professional education, signed and sealed by the chancellor, dean or registrar of the school from which the applicant has graduated with an approved degree. An applicant who does not have a master's or doctoral degree in professional counseling shall be considered for certification as a professional counselor upon the professional counselors section's receipt of a complete description of the academic program which the applicant proposes as the equivalent of a master's or doctoral degree in professional counseling. The professional counselors section may request additional information as necessary to complete the evaluation of the applicant's academic program for compliance with s. SFC 14.01 or 14.02.

(b) Verification that the institution which awarded the degree was a regionally accredited college or university, or accredited by the commission for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs, or the council on rehabilitation education at the time the applicant graduated from the school.

(c) An affidavit from the applicant that the applicant has, after receiving a master's or doctoral degree, completed the required period of supervised practice under the supervision of a person qualified to supervise the applicant's practice.

(d) Verification of successful completion of the examination required.

(e) Verification of the applicant's licensure in all jurisdictions in which the applicant has ever been credentialed.

(f) For all applicants who have been convicted of a crime, or of a traffic offense which did or could result in the suspension or revocation of the applicants' driver's license, or who have such charges pending against them, all information necessary for the section to determine whether the circumstances of the pending charge or con-

viction are substantially related to the duties of the practice under the certificate.

(2) An applicant may submit, but is not required to submit, evidence of certification by a professional organization.

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SFC 11.02 Examination required. Unless an applicant is exempt from the examination requirement, an applicant for certification as a professional counselor shall pass both parts of the examination required under s. 457.12 (4), Stats., consisting of the Wisconsin statutes and rules examination and either the national counselor examination or the certified rehabilitation counselor examination. The professional counselors section may not grant certification to an applicant who has not passed the examination unless the applicant is exempt from the examination requirement.

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SFC 11.03 Exceptions to examination requirement. (1) A person who applies for certification as a professional counselor and who pays the fee under s. 440.05 (1), Stats., on or before May 31, 1995, shall be certified as a professional counselor if the applicant submits satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets either of the following conditions:

(a) The applicant has received a master's degree in professional counseling or an academic program equivalent to a master's degree in professional counseling, and, after receiving the degree, has engaged in the equivalent of at least 2 years of full-time supervised clinical professional counseling practice approved by the professional counselors section of the board, or

(b) The applicant has received a doctoral degree in professional counseling or an academic program equivalent to a doctoral degree in professional counseling, and, after receiving the degree, has engaged in the equivalent of at least one year of full-time supervised clinical professional counseling practice approved by the professional counselors section of the board.

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