

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL  
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL : WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY : THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL  
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL : COUNSELORS ADOPTING RULES  
COUNSELORS : (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-153)

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ORDER

An order of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors to amend SFC 3.07 (3) and 3.09 (3), relating to pre-certification supervised practice for independent social workers and independent clinical social workers.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

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ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 457.03, Wis. Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 457.08, Wis. Stats.

Applicants for certification as an independent social worker must complete 2 years of full-time supervised social work practice, and applicants for certification as an independent clinical social worker must complete 2 years of full-time clinical social work practice. Current rules do not specify that the person being supervised be certified as a social worker. In order to ensure that applicants for certification as independent social workers and independent clinical workers understand social work practice, the section wishes to require that the applicant be certified at an appropriate social work level while obtaining the necessary 2 years of supervised practice. In this rule-making order the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors creates requirements that persons who obtain supervised clinical social work practice in order to apply for certification as an independent social worker be certified as an advanced practice social worker, and that persons who obtain supervised clinical social work practice in order to apply for certification as an independent clinical social worker be certified as an advanced practice social worker or an independent social worker.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. SFC 3.07 (3) is amended to read:

SFC 3.07 (3) An affidavit that the applicant, after receiving a master's or doctoral degree and after receiving certification as an advanced practice social worker, has ~~completed~~ obtained the equivalent of 2 years of full-time practice of social work under the supervision of a

supervisor approved by the social worker section ~~after receiving a master's or doctoral degree.~~  
Pre-certification supervised practice shall meet the criteria under s. SFC 4.01.

SECTION 2. SFC 3.09 (3) is amended to read:

SFC 3.09 (3) An affidavit that the applicant, after receiving a master's or doctoral degree and after receiving certification as an advanced practice social worker or an independent social worker, has completed the equivalent of 2 years of full-time practice of social work under the supervision of a supervisor approved by the social worker section ~~after receiving a master's or doctoral degree.~~ Pre-certification supervised practice shall meet the criteria under s. SFC 4.01.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)  
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The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Wis. Stats.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson  
Examining Board of Social Workers  
Marriage and Family Therapists  
and Professional Counselors

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