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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: Board of Examiners In Counseling TITLE NUMBER: 27

RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY 30-31-5(a)(2)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES ___ NO X

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 2

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Advanced Practice

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 31, 1997 AT 4:00 p.m. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

WV Board of Examiners In Counseling
100 Angus Peyton Drive
So. Charleston, WV 25303-1600

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.



Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

\$3.60

Summary

The proposed Series 2 Advanced Practice will allow Licensed Professional Counselors to earn an endorsement for the Professional Counselor License for gaining advanced professional development and training in the field of counseling. This proposed endorsement specifically addressed professional development in the mental health field and will be affixed to the professional license.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Title 27 Legislative Rule

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency Board of Examiners In Counseling

Address 100 Angus Peyton Drive
Charleston, WV WV 25303-1600

1. Effect of Proposed Rule

	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	HEREAFTER
<u>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	N/A				
CURRENT EXPENSE	N/A				
REPAIRS & ALTERNATIONS	N/A				
EQUIPMENT	N/A				
OTHER	N/A				

2. Explanation of above estimates:

NOT APPLICABLE

3. Objectives of these rules:

NOT APPLICABLE

Rule Title: Title 27 Legislative Rule

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

N/A

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific groups of Citizens.

N/A

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

N/A

Date: 6/30/97

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

William E. Mudd

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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE
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SERIES 2
ADVANCED PRACTICE

27.2.1. General

1.1. Scope. - To allow for advanced professional development, to give focus to continuing education and provide for greater specificity, this Legislative Rule establishes standards for endorsement by the Board of Examiners in Counseling for the designation of Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice.

1.2. Authority -- W. Va. Code 30-31-5(a)(2)

1.3. Filing Date. - June 30, 1997

1.4. Effective Date. - July 1, 1998

27-1-2. Definitions.

2.1. The following meanings apply to all rules promulgated by the Board of Examiners in Counseling, unless the word or term is explicitly defined or used in a different manner.

2.2 The terms "Applicant," "Board," "Counseling," "Counselor," and "Mental health counseling procedures" shall have the same meanings as set forth for each under W. Va. Code Section 30-31-2.

2.3. The term "Endorsement" means a West Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor who has met the requirements of this rule, Series 27-2 as set forth in this document.

2.4. "Application" means a written application providing all required information on forms prescribed by the Board and filed with the Board secretary.

2.5 "Advanced Practice" means completion of prescribed courses and three year's post-master's or two years post-doctoral experience in direct counseling service.

2.6 "Counseling experience" means the applicant's primary professional responsibility that was in direct provision of counseling services or supervision of a counseling program.

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27-1-3. Classification of Applicants.

3.1 An applicant for Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice must hold the license to practice professional counseling and be designated as a Licensed Professional Counselor in West Virginia.

3.2 An applicant for Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice must demonstrate on a form prescribed by the Board that the applicant has completed, either as part of the applicant's master's or doctoral degree or after the award of the degree, a minimum of thirty (30) quarter hours or twenty (20) semester hours of instruction acceptable to the Board and verification of completion of three (3) years post-master's or two (2) years post-doctoral experience in direct counseling services.

27-1-4. Qualification of Applicants.

1.4. Education: The education requirements for Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice is represented by at least one three hour graduate course from an accredited counseling program in each of the following areas:

4.1.1. Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal behavior: includes studies that provide a broad understanding of abnormal behavior. Emphasis is placed on psychopathological conditions related to children, adolescents, youth, middle and older adults.

4.1.2. Evaluation of mental and emotional status: includes use of assessment procedures in diagnosis and treatment planning. Emphasis is placed on methods of administering and interpreting individual and group standardized tests of mental ability; interest, aptitude, personality, and achievement.

4.1.3. Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders: includes the development of a framework for identifying the signs and symptoms of psychosis, personality disorders, and neuroses. It also includes using the current editions of either the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders" or the International Classification of Diseases" and conducting mental status examinations. Studies of the behaviors, etiology and psychodynamics of special problems such as mental retardation, psychosexual disorders, substance abuse, and addiction are also considered.

4.1.4. Methods of intervention and prevention of mental and emotional disorders: includes studies of the psychological methods of intervention such as client-centered, psychoanalytic, hypnotherapy, and psychotherapy. Also included are the educational methods of intervention such as rational-emotive therapy, reality therapy, and

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psycho-social rehabilitation. Specialized intervention techniques used with diverse populations such as minorities, children, substance abusers, physically or mentally disabled clients, and the terminally ill are also considered, as well as intervention strategies used in different situations such as marriage and family problems, crisis situations, rehabilitation and child abuse.

4.1.5. Treatment of mental and emotional disorders: includes developing and implementing a treatment plan, reporting and assessing progress of treatment, appropriate referral procedures, and knowing the effect of client behavior of mood altering chemical agents in the treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

4.1.6. Supervision: includes the theory and practice of supervision with experiential components. The study of supervision includes core areas of personal traits and knowledge and competencies that are characteristic of effective supervisors. The level of preparation and experience of the counselor, the particular work setting of the supervisor and counselor and client variables will influence the relative emphasis of each competency in practice.

27-1-5. Experience

5.1 The experience requirements for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice shall apply to applicants who meet the requirements for licensure set forth in rule 27-1-1. except that:

A. This experience must have included within its scope of practice the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders; and

B. Elementary or secondary schools and college university academic advising, admissions, and placement centers are not a clinical or private setting where diagnosis and treatment and emotional disorders are routinely within the scope of practice; and

C. Applicants may apply the supervised experience they completed to qualify for the Licensed Professional Counselor license to satisfy the experience requirement for Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice, if this experience meets the additional standards set forth in this rule.

5.2. The applicant for Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice must pass a field evaluation prescribed by the Board to evaluate the applicant's competence in diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders.

5.2.1. The field evaluation must contain documented evidence of the quality, scope and nature of the applicant's experience

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and competence in diagnosis and treating mental and emotional disorders.

5.2.2. The field evaluation must be completed by the individual registered with the Board as the applicant's training supervisor.

27.6. Fees.

6.1. The fee for the endorsement of the Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practice as set by the Board shall be \$100.00.

27.7. Endorsement

7.1. An endorsement authorizing the holder to engage in the advanced practice of counseling shall be issued by the Board to each successful applicant for endorsement as a Licensed Professional Counselor Advanced Practitioner and shall be affixed to the license of the Licensed Professional Counselor.