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ASSOCIATE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISION INFORMATION

General Qualifications

Licensed mental health professionals interested in providing supervision to Associate Clinical Social Workers (ASW) must meet certain minimum qualifications in order to supervise. Each supervisor must maintain a current and valid license as a mental health professional. This page provides information on general requirements to supervise an ASW. For further information please review sections 1870-1874 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. This information only applies to those supervising ASWs.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) – LCSWs must possess

- a current and valid California license,
- complete a minimum 15 contact hours in supervision training,
- and have practiced psychotherapy or provided direct supervision of ASWs, Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Interns or Trainees who performed psychotherapy in two of the past five years immediately preceding the commencement of supervision. (NOTE: ASWs are required to obtain 1,700 hours of the total 3,200 hours of post-master's degree experience under an LCSW to qualify for licensure.)

Marriage and Family Therapist – MFTs must possess

- a current and valid California license for at least two years prior to the commencement of supervision,
- complete a minimum of 15 contact hours of training,
- and have practiced psychotherapy or provided direct supervision of ASWs, Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Interns or Trainees who performed psychotherapy in two of the past five years immediately preceding the commencement of supervision.

Required 15 Hours of Supervision Training

LCSWs and MFTs supervising ASWs must complete a minimum of 15 contact hours in supervision training (usually in a single course) prior to commencement of supervision. Once completed, the licensee does not need to complete it again before supervising future ASWs.

ASW Supervised Experience Requirements

The Board has several resources relating to the supervision and experience requirements, including:

- **BBS Home page** – www.bbs.ca.gov
- **Forms and Publications** (download forms, FAQs, etc) - www.bbs.ca.gov/forms.shtml
- **LCSW Licensure Walk-Through** (refresh your memory on the required steps to obtain licensure) - www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/lcs_part1.shtml
- **Experience Calculators** (use a pre-formatted spreadsheet to calculate information relating to experience requirements) - www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/exp_calc.shtml
- **Online License/Registration Verification** (verify licenses and registrations instantly) - www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/mft_part1.shtml
- **BBS Subscriber List** (stay up to date on the latest BBS related news and laws) - www.bbs.ca.gov/quick_links/subscribe.shtml
- **Board Meetings Calendar** (check for meetings in your area; attend and be heard!) - www.bbs.ca.gov/bd_activity/bd_mtgs.shtml
- **Outreach Events** (keep up on upcoming outreach events) - www.bbs.ca.gov/bd_activity/outreach.shtml