

Effective January 1, 2020, Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEPs) are permitted to provide supervision of certain experience hours toward licensure for an Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW), Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC), or Associate Marriage and Family Therapist or Trainee (AMFT and MFT Trainee) if certain conditions are met as specified in California law. This document provides a summary of those conditions and requirements.

Note: All code sections referenced in this document are available in the Board's *Statutes and Regulations*, available at www.bbs.ca.gov (scroll to bottom of home page for the link).

1. What are the basic qualifications that an LEP must possess to provide supervision of experience hours?

An LEP may provide supervision of experience hours that may qualify an ASW, APCC, AMFT or MFT Trainee for licensure if the LEP meets all of the following requirements:

- Possess a current and active California LEP license in good standing that is not under suspension or probation (and maintains a current and active license while supervising); and
- Has held an active license as an LEP in California or any other state for at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision; and
- Has practiced psychological counseling pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) [section 4989.14](#) during at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision **OR**
- Has provided direct supervision to ASWs, APCCs, MFT Trainees, or AMFTs who perform psychotherapy during at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision. Supervision of psychotherapy performed by a student shall be accepted if substantially equivalent to the supervision required for registrants.

2. Are there any limitations on the experience hours that an LEP can supervise?

Yes. LEPs may only supervise up to 1,200 hours of a supervisee's experience toward licensure. In addition, LEPs may only supervise experience that consists of "educationally related mental health services" (see question 3) that fall within with the LEP scope of practice described in BPC [section 4989.14](#).

3. What are “Educationally Related Mental Health Services”?

The law defines “educationally related mental health services” as mental health services provided for clients who have social, emotional, or behavioral issues that interfere with their educational progress, including all of the following:

- (1) Educationally related counseling services to clients qualified for special education that are necessary to receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment pursuant to the federal requirements of Section 1412 of Title 20 of the United States Code.
- (2) Intensive counseling services on a continuum which may reflect an increase in frequency, duration, or staff specialization to address the client’s emotional and behavioral needs.
- (3) Counseling services provided by qualified practitioners.
- (4) Parent counseling and training.
- (5) Psychological services that include consulting with staff members in planning school programs to meet the client’s educational needs and assisting in developing positive behavioral intervention strategies for the client.
- (6) Social work services such as preparing a social or developmental history on a client with a disability.
- (7) Group and individualized counseling with the client and family.

4. What training are supervisors required to take, and when?

All new supervisors (LEP or otherwise) must complete a minimum of 15 hours of supervision training that meets the course provider and course content requirements specified in regulation within 60 days of the commencement of supervision. Six hours of continuing professional development (CPD) in supervision is required each renewal cycle thereafter.

5. What else should I know if I am an LEP planning to serve as a supervisor?

All licensees acting as a supervisor need to make sure they have a thorough understanding of the Board’s laws related to supervision. Additional information about qualifications, requirements, responsibilities, as well as resources for all supervisors can be found on the Board’s website [here](http://www.bbs.ca.gov/Licensees/SupervisorResources) (access at www.bbs.ca.gov>Licensees>Supervisor Resources).