ASSOCIATE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
SUPERVISOR INFORMATION & QUALIFICATIONS

A licensed mental health professional who provides supervision to an Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) who is pursuing LCSW licensure must meet certain minimum qualifications. This document provides a broad overview of those requirements. For further information, please review the Statutes and Regulations pertaining to LCSW licensure.

Requirements Applicable to ALL Supervisors

- Possess a current and active California license that is not under suspension or probation as one of the following:
  - Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)
  - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
  - Licensed Psychologist
  - Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) *(must obtain 1,700 experience hours under an LCSW)*
  - Licensed Physician and Surgeon *(must be certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology)*

- Have been licensed 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.

- Have practiced psychotherapy during at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision OR

- Provided direct supervision to Associate Clinical Social Workers, Associate Professional Clinical Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapist Trainees, or Associate Marriage and Family Therapists 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 (social work intern or a professional clinical counselor trainee) shall be accepted if the supervision performed is substantially equivalent to the supervision required for registrants.

- Sign and comply with the Supervisor Responsibility Statement

Supervisor Training Requirements

LCSWs, LMFTs and LPCCs must complete a minimum of 15 hours of supervision training prior to the commencement of supervision. No further training is required.

NOTE: Licensed Psychologists and Psychiatrists are exempt from the supervisor training requirement.

Helpful Links - BBS Website

Supervisor Resources
LCSW Applicants *(licensure requirements, forms, publications)*
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