

**65-6613. Licensure of individual registered, certified or licensed in another jurisdiction.** (a) The board may issue a license to an individual who is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice addiction counseling in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

(1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice addiction counseling in the other jurisdiction are substantially the equivalent of the requirements of the addictions counselor licensure act and rules and regulations of the board; or

(2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

(A) Continuous registration, certification or licensure to practice addiction counseling during the five years immediately preceding the application with at least the minimum professional experience as established by rules and regulations of the board; and

(B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

(C) completion of a baccalaureate or master's degree in addiction counseling from a college or university approved by the board or completion of a baccalaureate or master's degree in a related field that includes all required addiction coursework.

(b) The board may issue a license to an individual who is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice clinical addiction counseling in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

(1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice clinical addiction counseling in the other jurisdiction are substantially the equivalent of the requirements of the addictions counselor licensure act and rules and regulations of the board; or

(2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

(A) Continuous registration, certification or licensure to practice clinical addiction counseling during the five years immediately preceding the application with at least the minimum professional experience as established by rules and regulations of the board; and

(B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

(C) (i) completion of at least a master's degree in clinical addiction counseling from a college or university approved by the board; or

(ii) completion of at least a master's degree from a college or university approved by the board in a related field that includes a minimum number of semester hours of coursework supporting the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders as approved by the board; or

(iii) completion of at least a master's degree from a college or university approved by the board in a related field with additional coursework in addiction counseling from a college or university approved by the board and such degree program and additional coursework includes a minimum number of semester hours of coursework supporting the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders as approved by the board; and

(D) at least two of the following areas acceptable to the board:

(i) Either coursework as established by rules and regulations of the board or passing a national clinical examination approved by the board; or

(ii) three years of clinical practice with demonstrated experience supporting diagnosing or treating substance use disorders; or

(iii) attestation from a professional licensed to diagnose and treat mental disorders, or substance use disorders, or both, in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine and surgery stating that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat substance use disorders.

(c) An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-6618, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 2010, ch. 45, § 7; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 13; L. 2012, ch. 58, § 3; July 1.