

# TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

## CHAPTER 63 - SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

*Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Social Work Certification and Licensure Board intends to amend the rule cited as 21 NCAC 63 .0211.*

**Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c):** [www.ncswboard.org](http://www.ncswboard.org)

**Proposed Effective Date:** July 1, 2021

**Public Hearing:**

**Date:** February 5, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Via Webex

<https://northcarolinasocialworkcertificationandlicensureboard.my.webex.com/>

[northcarolinasocialworkcertificationandlicensureboard.my/j.php?MTID=m24fb74b385e386cf73950e54d3c6053](https://northcarolinasocialworkcertificationandlicensureboard.my/j.php?MTID=m24fb74b385e386cf73950e54d3c6053)

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**Reason for Proposed Action:** *Allows licensees to increase amount of supervision via technology without Board preapproval.*

**Comments may be submitted to:** *Elizabeth N. Pope, NC Social Work Certification and Licensure Board, 1207 S. Cox Street, Suite F, Asheboro, NC 27203; phone (336) 625-1679 ext. 226; fax (336) 625-4246; email [epope@ncswboard.org](mailto:epope@ncswboard.org)*

**Comment period ends:** March 5, 2021

**Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:** If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

**Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.**

**State funds affected**

**Local funds affected**

**Substantial economic impact ( $\geq$  \$1,000,000)**

**Approved by OSBM**

**No fiscal note required**

### SECTION .0200 - CERTIFICATION

#### 21 NCAC 63 .0211 WORK EXPERIENCE

(a) Qualifications as required by G.S. 90B-7(d)(2) for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) credential:

- (1) Two years of post-MSW clinical social work experience shall mean 3,000 clock hours of work or employment for a fee or salary while engaged in the practice of clinical social work as defined in this Chapter. The 3,000 hours shall be accumulated over a period of time not less than two years nor more than six consecutive years. Practicum or internship experience gained as part of any educational program shall not be included. Pursuant to G.S. 93B-15.1(a), military applicants may receive credit for military occupational specialty experience obtained post MSW degree and deemed substantially equivalent to clinical social work practice as defined in this Chapter.
- (2) Appropriate supervision shall mean supervision by a MSW who is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and who is in good standing with the Board. A supervisor disciplined by any professional credentialing body or professional organization, or who has violated the provisions of an occupational licensing Board may not provide supervision to an associate licensee without the written permission of the Board. The Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate's (LCSWA) clinical social work supervisor shall have an additional two years of clinical social work experience post LCSW licensure.
- (3) Appropriate supervision shall be that which is provided on a regular basis, conducted no less than once every two weeks, with at least one hour of supervision during every 30 hours of experience. A minimum of 100 hours of supervision is required. The clinical supervisor shall make the initial determination whether the applicant's work experience meets the definition of clinical social work in accordance with the rules of this Chapter. The Board shall

make the final determination whether or not the applicant's work experience meets the definition of clinical social work practice. Appropriate supervision may be individual or group supervision. Individual supervision shall mean one on one, face-to-face supervision by a MSW who is also a LCSW where the supervisor reviews and discusses clinical social work cases, reviews documentation, and provides evaluative comments and direction to the LCSWA. Group supervision shall mean face-to-face supervision provided by a MSW who is also a LCSW in a group setting, during which the supervisor reviews and discusses clinical social work cases, reviews documentation, and provides feedback and direction to each LCSWA in the group. A maximum of 25 hours of group supervision may be applied toward meeting the supervision requirements for the LCSW.

- (4) Unless otherwise preapproved by the Board, no more than ~~20~~ 50 hours of supervision may be provided through the use of technology. The clinical supervisor may seek approval by providing a written request to the Board. The request shall include the parties' information, including name, license number, and business address; and the circumstances for which the additional hours are needed. Approval of the request shall be determined on a case by case basis, based upon the circumstances provided in the request. All supervision provided through the use of technology shall be synchronous, involve visual and audio interactions throughout the entire session, and shall take place in such a manner as to maintain the confidentiality of the communication.
- (b) Qualifications as required by G.S. 90B-7(e)(2) for the Certified Social Work Manager (CSWM) credential:
- (1) Two years of post social work degree experience shall mean 3,000 clock hours of employment for a salary while engaged in administrative social work duties including, policy and budgetary development and implementation, supervision and management, program evaluation, planning, and staff development. Such duties shall be carried out in an administrative setting where social work or other mental health services are delivered. The 3,000 hours shall be accumulated over a period of time not less than two years nor more than six consecutive years. Practicum or internship experience gained as part of any educational program shall not be included.
- (2) Appropriate supervision shall mean face-to-face supervision by a social work administrator certified or licensed by the Board who has a minimum of two years of administrative experience in a social work or mental health setting. Appropriate supervision shall be that which is provided on a regular basis, conducted no less than once every two weeks throughout the applicant's two years of administrative social work experience. A minimum of 100 hours of supervision is required. A maximum of 50 hours of group supervision may be applied toward meeting the supervision requirements for the CSWM. No more than 20 hours of supervision may be provided through the use of technology. All supervision provided through the use of technology shall be synchronous, involve visual and audio interaction throughout the entire session, and shall take place in such a manner as to maintain the confidentiality of the communication.

*History Note: Authority G. S. 90B-6; 90B-7;  
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