

SUBTITLE 3. CERTIFICATION

15.5-301.

AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY:

- (1) USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR";
- (2) USE THE INITIALS "C.P.C." AFTER THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL; OR
- (3) REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS CERTIFIED AS A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR.

15.5-302.

(A) TO QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) THE APPLICANT SHALL BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

(C) THE APPLICANT SHALL BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

(D) (1) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE-

~~{i}~~ A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING ~~OR--IN--A-CLOSELY-RELATED~~ FIELD FROM AN ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD, OR

~~{ii}--THE-SUBSTANTIAL-EQUIVALENT-IN-BOTH-SUBJECT MATTER-AND-EXTENT-OF-TRAINING.~~

(2) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT HOLDING ONLY A MASTER'S DEGREE, THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED, EITHER AS A PART OF THE APPLICANT'S MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM OR AFTER THE AWARD OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE:

(I) A MINIMUM OF 60 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS IN COUNSELOR TRAINING ~~ACCEPTABLE-TO~~ APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND

(II) NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN COUNSELING ~~OF-A-TYPE~~ APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 2 YEARS OF WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AFTER THE AWARD OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE.

(3) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT HOLDING A DOCTORAL DEGREE, THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED, EITHER AS A PART OF THE APPLICANT'S DOCTORAL PROGRAM OR AFTER THE AWARD OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE:

(I) A MINIMUM OF 90 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS IN COUNSELOR TRAINING ~~ACCEPTABLE-TO~~ APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND