

(1) Setting qualifications, education, training, and experience standards for [professional] counselors AND THERAPISTS; and

(2) Promoting high professional standards for the practice of counseling AND THERAPY.

17-103.

This title does not limit the right of an individual to practice a health occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under this article.

[17-104.

(a) A certificate to practice professional counseling authorizes the certificate holder to practice professional counseling while the certificate is effective.

(b) A certificate to practice marriage and family therapy authorizes the certificate holder to practice marriage and family therapy while the certificate is effective.]

17-201.

There is a State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

17-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of [nine] ~~11~~ 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary.

(2) Of the [nine] ~~11~~ 13 Board members:

(i) ~~{Five}~~ ~~FOUR~~ shall be licensed as CLINICAL professional counselors under [Subtitle 3A] SUBTITLE 3 of this title[, including:

1. One who is primarily engaged in professional counselor education;
2. One who is employed in the private sector;
3. One who is employed in the public sector; and
4. Two professional counselors at large];