

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

(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 17-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE APPLICANT SHALL:

(I) HOLD A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD FROM AN ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD; OR

(II) HAVE COMPLETED A PROGRAM OF STUDIES JUDGED BY THE BOARD TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND EXTENT OF TRAINING AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) (I) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT HOLDING A DOCTORAL DEGREE, THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 90 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(II) IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT HOLDING ONLY A MASTER'S DEGREE, THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 60 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(3) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 26 CREDIT HOURS IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR TRAINING, INCLUDING:

(I) MEDICAL ASPECTS OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY;

(II) GROUP COUNSELING;

(III) INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING;

(IV) FAMILY COUNSELING;

(V) ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT PLANNING;

(VI) ETHICS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS;

(VII) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT;

(VIII) ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY; AND

(IX) COURSES PERTAINING TO COUNSELOR CORE FUNCTIONS OF SCREENING, INTAKE, ORIENTATION, CASE MANAGEMENT, CRISIS INTERVENTION, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION, REFERRAL, CONSULTATION,