

(16) Counselors and Therapists, State Board of Professional (§ 17-201 of the Health Occupations Article: [July 1, 2008] JULY 1, 2018);

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

17-405.1.

(A) (1) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG UNDER § 17-402 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) HAD FILED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD BY OCTOBER 1, 2001;

(II) FILES AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2009;

(III) HOLDS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD OR HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND EXTENT OF TRAINING AS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD;

(IV) AS OF JULY 1, 2001, WAS CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR, ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER BY THE MARYLAND ADDICTION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION BOARD, ANOTHER STATE, THE CERTIFICATION COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS, OR THE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION RECIPROCITY CONSORTIUM, OR WAS EMPLOYED IN THE CAPACITY OF A PROGRAM SPECIALIST I, II, III, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER, IN AN AGENCY OR FACILITY ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON THE ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE;

(V) HAS COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS WITH A MINIMUM OF 3,000 HOURS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 2 YEARS OF WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AFTER THE AWARD OF THE MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE; AND