Rule: 781.402. Recognition as a Supervisor.

Action: Proposed New Rule

Comment: The proposed new rule would consolidate existing rule language regarding the requirements to hold supervisor status. The new language clarifies that a supervisor must hold a social work license issued by the Council, and adds requirements for actions a licensee must take if supervisor status is revoked or expires.

§781.402. Recognition as a Supervisor.

(a) A person who wishes to hold supervisor status must file an application, pay the applicable fee, and meet the following qualifications.

(1) Be actively licensed in good standing by the Council as an LBSW, an LMSW, or an LCSW.

(2) Have practiced in the category of licensure for two years.

(3) Have completed a 40-hour supervisor training program.

(b) Licensed practice in another jurisdiction under an equivalent scope of practice may count toward the two-year minimum experience requirement.

(c) At a minimum, the 40-hour supervisor training program must meet each of the following requirements:

(1) the course must be taught by a licensed social worker holding both the appropriate license classification, and supervisor status issued by the Council;

(2) all related coursework and assignments must be completed over a time period not to exceed 90 days; and

(3) the 40-hour supervision training must include at least:

(A) three (3) hours for defining and conceptualizing supervision and models of supervisions;

(B) three (3) hours for supervisory relationship and social worker development;

(C) twelve (12) hours for supervision methods and techniques, covering roles, focus (process, conceptualization, and personalization), group supervision, multi-cultural supervision (race, ethnic, and gender issues), and evaluation methods;

(D) twelve (12) hours for supervision and standards of practice, codes of ethics, and legal and professional issues; and

(E) three (3) hours for executive and administrative tasks, covering supervision plan, supervision contract, time for supervision, record keeping, and reporting.

(d) A supervisor must renew supervisor status in conjunction with the biennial license renewal. If a licensee who has surrendered supervisory status desires to regain supervisory status, the licensee must reapply and meet the current requirements for supervisor status.

(e) A supervisor must maintain an active license and supervisor status, as well as the qualifications described in this section, while providing supervision.

(f) Should a supervisor become subject to a Council disciplinary order that imposes a probated suspension, suspension, or revocation, that person’s supervisor status is revoked. The person may reapply for supervisor status by:

(1) meeting the terms of the disciplinary order;

(2) having their license in good standing;

(3) completing a 40-hour supervisor training course, taken no earlier than the date of execution of the Council order; and

(4) submitting a new application for supervisor status.

(g) If a licensee loses their authorization to provide supervision, either through failure to maintain an active license and status or through a disciplinary action, the supervisor must immediately inform all supervisees and assist them to find alternate supervision. The licensee shall refund all supervisory fees the supervisee paid after the date the supervisor ceased to hold supervisor status.

(h) Providing supervision without appropriate licensure and supervisor status is grounds for disciplinary action.