

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1148

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 38-2133, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 38-2133 (1) A person who applies to the department for
6 certification as a marriage and family therapist shall be qualified
7 for such certification if he or she:

8 (a) Provides evidence to the department that he or she
9 has a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy
10 from a program approved by the board or a graduate degree in a
11 field determined by the board to be related to marriage and family
12 therapy and graduate-level course work determined by the board to
13 be equivalent to a master's degree in marriage and family therapy;

14 (b) Provides evidence to the department that he or she
15 has had at least three thousand hours of experience in marriage
16 and family therapy under a qualified supervisor following receipt
17 of the graduate degree. The three thousand hours shall include
18 at least one thousand five hundred hours of direct-client contact
19 during the five years preceding application for certification.
20 During the course of completing the client-contact hours, there
21 shall be at least one hundred hours of supervisor-supervisee
22 contact hours with a qualified supervisor and supervision shall be
23 provided at least one hour per week or two hours every two weeks;

1 and

2 (c) Completes an application and passes an examination
3 approved by the board.

4 (2) For purposes of this section:

5 (a) Actively engaged in the practice of marriage and
6 family therapy may include (i) services and activities provided
7 under the direct supervision of a person with at least a master's
8 degree in marriage and family therapy from a program approved by
9 the board or (ii) services and activities that are classified by
10 title or by description of duties and responsibilities as marriage
11 and family therapy practice;

12 (b) Qualified supervisor means (i) a licensed mental
13 health practitioner, a psychologist licensed to engage in the
14 practice of psychology, or a licensed physician who holds a
15 designation of approved supervisor from an association which
16 establishes standards for marriage and family therapy in conformity
17 with accepted industry standards; such who meets supervisory
18 standards established by shall be specified in rules and
19 regulations of approved by the board and adopted and promulgated
20 by the department or (ii) a marriage and family therapist who has
21 practiced for five years and has completed a five-hour supervision
22 course that may be provided by an association which establishes
23 standards for marriage and family therapy in conformity with
24 accepted industry standards; such standards shall be specified
25 in rules and regulations approved by the board and adopted and
26 promulgated by the department; and

27 (c) Supervision means face-to-face contact between an

1 applicant and a qualified supervisor during which the applicant
2 apprises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each
3 client, the clients' cases are discussed, the supervisor provides
4 the applicant with oversight and guidance in treating and dealing
5 with clients, and the supervisor evaluates the applicant's
6 performance. In order for a supervised period of time to be
7 credited toward the time of supervision required by subsection (1)
8 of this section, it shall consist of the following:

9 ~~(i) A minimum of a ratio of two hours of supervision per~~
10 ~~fifteen hours of the applicant's contact with clients;~~

11 ~~(ii)~~ (i) Focus on raw data from the applicant's clinical
12 work which is made directly available to the supervisor through
13 such means as written clinical materials, direct observation, and
14 video and audio recordings;

15 ~~(iii)~~ (ii) A process which is distinguishable from
16 personal psychotherapy or didactic instruction; and

17 ~~(iv)~~ (iii) A proportion of individual and group
18 supervision as determined by the rules and regulations of the
19 board.

20 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2133, Reissue Revised
21 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.