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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1375.230, I hereby grant a Variance on behalf of Applicants for licensure as Professional Counselors and Clinical Professional Counselors who must complete satisfactory supervised experience and education prior to obtaining a license according to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1375.130, 1375.45, and 1375.145 which require Applicants to receive in-person/live supervision as part of their professional counseling experience, and disallows correspondence courses to satisfy the core courses as part of professional counseling education requirements.

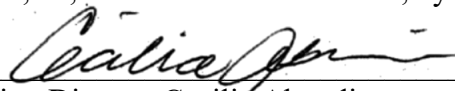
This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations issued on March 9, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 21, 2020, September 18, 2020, October 16, 2020, November 13, 2020, December 11, 2020, January 8, 2021, February 5, 2021, March 5, 2021, April 2, 2021, and again on April 30, 2021.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow Applicants for licensure as Professional Counselors and Clinical Professional Counselors to complete their live face-to-face supervision and education remotely, using real-time video as appropriate, rather than on-site. Remote supervision and educational courses may be performed using video technology tools including, but not limited to, video conferencing, Skype, Zoom, and Google Hangout. When an Applicant is providing services to a client, the supervisor should be available and prepared to offer assistance as needed. This Variance is an extension of the Variance that was initially issued on April 6, 2020 and renewed on July 31, 2020 and again on December 9, 2020. This Variance is for supervision and education that occurs between April 6, 2020 and September 30, 2021. This Variance is hereby granted and expires on September 30, 2021 or upon the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations, whichever occurs first.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Rules, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule, or regulation concerning the education and supervision of or practice of those pursuing a professional counselor or clinical professional counselor license. Applicants shall be required to meet the remaining requirements for licensure contained in the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act and Administrative Rules before receiving a license.

I have determined that the provisions from which this Variance is granted are not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this Variance; and the rules from which this Variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable. This variance supersedes any prior variance previously issued.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois Mario Treto, Jr., ACTING SECRETARY, by


Acting Director Cecilia Abundis

May 27, 2021
Date