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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2213**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman**

February 20, 2014

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An act to amend Sections 4980.72, 4980.78, 4980.80, 4980.90, 4999.57, 4999.58, 4999.59, 4999.60, and 4999.62 of, and to add Sections 4980.79, 4980.81, and 4999.63 to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to behavioral health care licensees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2213, as amended, Eggman. Behavioral health care licensees.

(1) Under existing law, the Board of Behavioral Sciences licenses and ~~regulate~~ *regulates* marriage and family therapists and licensed professional clinical counselors. Existing law requires an applicant for either license to complete specified numbers of hours of supervised experience, and requires an applicant to register with the board as a marriage and family therapist intern or a licensed professional clinical counselor intern, respectively, in order to be credited for postdegree hours of supervised experience gained toward licensure.

The board may issue a marriage and family therapist license to a person who holds a valid license in good standing issued by an out-of-state board of marriage counselor examiners, board of marriage and family therapists, or corresponding authority, who satisfies specified conditions applicable to a person applying on or after January 1, 2016. These conditions include that the applicant's education is substantially equivalent to that required of in-state applicants. Under existing law, education is deemed substantially equivalent if specified coursework requirements and practicum requirements are satisfied. Under existing

law an applicant is required to satisfy these requirements through graduate level coursework, and remediate any deficiencies in these requirements prior to registering with the board as an intern.

This bill would allow an out-of-state applicant to remediate specified coursework requirements through continuing education, and to remediate specified coursework while registered as an intern. The bill would specify hour or unit requirements for certain coursework requirements. The bill would allow an applicant to remediate the practicum requirements if the applicant holds a license as described above.

(2) Existing law requires a marriage and family therapist applicant who ~~completes~~ *begins* his or her degree on or after August 1, 2012, to complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would allow those applicants to remediate up to 12 semester units or 18 quarter units while the applicant is registered as an intern.

(3) Existing law requires ~~a~~ *an out-of-state* marriage and family therapist applicant who ~~obtained~~ *began* his or her degree prior to August 1, 2012, to complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would allow those applicants to satisfy the degree requirement by completing 48 semester or 72 quarter units of instruction.

(4) Under existing law the board may issue professional clinical counselor license to a person who holds a valid license as a professional clinical counselor, or other counseling license that allows the applicant to independently provide clinical mental health services out of state who satisfies specified conditions applicable to a person applying on or after January 1, 2016. Those conditions include that the applicant's education is substantially equivalent to that required of in-state applicants. Under existing law, education is deemed substantially equivalent if specified coursework requirements are satisfied. An applicant is required to satisfy these requirements through graduate level coursework, and remediate any deficiencies in these requirements prior to registering with the board as an intern.

This bill would allow an out-of-state applicant to remediate specified coursework requirements through continuing education, and to remediate specified coursework while registered as an intern. The bill would specify hour or unit requirements for certain coursework requirements. The bill would allow an applicant to remediate the practicum requirements if the applicant holds a license as described above.

(5) Existing law requires a professional clinical counselor applicant who ~~completes~~ *began* his or her degree on or after August 1, 2012, to complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would allow those applicants to remediate up to 12 semester units or 18 quarter units while the applicant is registered as an intern.

(6) Existing law requires an out-of-state professional clinical counselor applicant who ~~obtained~~ *began* his or her degree prior to August 1, 2012, to complete ~~48~~ 60 semester or ~~72~~ 90 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would require those out-of-state applicants to satisfy the degree requirement by completing ~~60~~ 48 semester or ~~90~~ 72 quarter units of ~~instruction, and would allow those applicants to remediate up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units.~~ *instruction.*

The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive and conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4980.72 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 4980.72. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed  
4 outside of California and apply for licensure on or after January  
5 1, 2016.

6 (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time  
7 of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter,  
8 holds a valid license in good standing issued by a board of marriage  
9 counselor examiners, board of marriage and family therapists, or  
10 corresponding authority, of any state or country, if all of the  
11 following conditions are satisfied:

12 (1) The applicant’s education is substantially equivalent, as  
13 defined in Section 4980.79. The applicant’s degree title need not  
14 be identical to that required by Section 4980.36 or 4980.37.

15 (2) The applicant complies with Section 4980.76, if applicable.

16 (3) The applicant’s supervised experience is substantially  
17 equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. The  
18 board shall consider hours of experience obtained outside of  
19 California during the six-year period immediately preceding the  
20 date the applicant initially obtained the license described above.  
21 If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised  
22 experience, time actively licensed as a marriage and family  
23 therapist shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month, up to

1 a maximum of 1,200 hours, if the applicant’s degree meets the  
2 practicum requirement described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph  
3 (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4980.79 without exemptions or  
4 remediation.

5 (4) The applicant passes the California law and ethics  
6 examination.

7 (5) The applicant passes a clinical examination designated by  
8 the board. An applicant who obtained his or her license or  
9 registration under another jurisdiction may apply for licensure with  
10 the board without taking the clinical examination if both of the  
11 following conditions are met:

12 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing  
13 examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.

14 (B) The applicant’s license or registration in that jurisdiction is  
15 in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not  
16 been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise  
17 restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding  
18 brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

19 SEC. 2. Section 4980.78 of the Business and Professions Code  
20 is amended to read:

21 4980.78. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for  
22 licensure or registration on or after January 1, 2016, and who do  
23 not hold a license as described in Section 4980.72.

24 (b) For purposes of Section 4980.74, education is substantially  
25 equivalent if all of the following requirements are met:

26 (1) The degree is obtained from a school, college, or university  
27 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United  
28 States Department of Education and consists of, at a minimum,  
29 the following:

30 (A) (i) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within  
31 the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.36, the  
32 degree shall contain no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter units  
33 of instruction.

34 (ii) Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be  
35 remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur  
36 while the applicant is registered as an intern.

37 (B) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the  
38 timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.37, the  
39 degree shall contain no less than 48 semester units or 72 quarter  
40 units of instruction.

1 (C) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,  
2 but not limited to, a minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face  
3 counseling, and an additional 75 hours of either face-to-face  
4 counseling or client-centered advocacy, ~~as specified in~~  
5 ~~subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section~~  
6 ~~4980.36~~ *or a combination of face-to-face counseling and*  
7 *client-centered advocacy.*

8 (D) Twelve semester or 18 quarter units in the areas of marriage,  
9 family, and child counseling and marital and family systems  
10 approaches to treatment, as specified in subparagraph (A) of  
11 paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.

12 (2) The applicant shall complete coursework in California law  
13 and ethics as follows:

14 (A) An applicant who completed a course in law and  
15 professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified  
16 in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81, that did not  
17 contain instruction in California law and ethics, shall complete an  
18 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics. The  
19 content of the course shall include, but not be limited to,  
20 advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of  
21 minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient  
22 privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal  
23 laws relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual  
24 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online  
25 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary  
26 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical  
27 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family  
28 law, therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical  
29 standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law  
30 and licensing process. This coursework shall be completed prior  
31 to registration as an intern.

32 (B) An applicant who has not completed a course in law and  
33 professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified  
34 in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81 shall  
35 complete this required coursework. The coursework shall contain  
36 content specific to California law and ethics. This coursework shall  
37 be completed prior to registration as an intern.

38 (3) The applicant completes the educational requirements  
39 specified in Section 4980.81 not already completed in his or her  
40 education. The coursework may be from an accredited school,

1 college, or university as specified in paragraph (1), from an  
 2 educational institution approved by the Bureau for Private  
 3 Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing education provider  
 4 that is acceptable to the board as defined in Section 4980.54. ~~The~~  
 5 ~~content of this coursework shall be of a graduate level.~~  
 6 *Undergraduate courses shall not satisfy this requirement.*

7 (4) The applicant completes the following coursework not  
 8 already completed in his or her education from an accredited  
 9 school, college, or university as specified in paragraph (1) from  
 10 an educational institution approved by the Bureau for Private  
 11 Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing education provider  
 12 that is acceptable to the board as defined in Section 4980.54. ~~The~~  
 13 ~~content of this coursework shall be of a graduate level.~~  
 14 *Undergraduate courses shall not satisfy this requirement.*

15 (A) At least three semester units, or 45 hours, of instruction  
 16 regarding the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care  
 17 and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice  
 18 environments, including structured meetings with various  
 19 consumers and family members of consumers of mental health  
 20 services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental  
 21 illness, treatment, and recovery.

22 (B) At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction that  
 23 includes an understanding of various California cultures and the  
 24 social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.

25 (5) An applicant may complete any units and course content  
 26 requirements required under paragraphs (3) and (4) not already  
 27 completed in his or her education while registered as an intern,  
 28 unless otherwise specified.

29 (6) The applicant’s degree title need not be identical to that  
 30 required by subdivision (b) of Section 4980.36.

31 SEC. 3. Section 4980.79 is added to the Business and  
 32 Professions Code, to read:

33 4980.79. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for  
 34 licensure or registration on or after January 1, 2016, and who hold  
 35 a license as described in Section 4980.72.

36 (b) For purposes of Section 4980.72, education is substantially  
 37 equivalent if all of the following requirements are met:

38 (1) The degree is obtained from a school, college, or university  
 39 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United

1 States Department of Education and consists of, at a minimum,  
2 the following:

3 (A) (i) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within  
4 the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.36, the  
5 degree shall contain no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter units  
6 of instruction.

7 (i)

8 (ii) Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be  
9 remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur  
10 while the applicant is registered as an intern.

11 (ii)

12 (B) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the  
13 timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.37, the  
14 degree shall contain no less than 48 semester or 72 quarter units  
15 of instruction.

16 (iii)

17 (C) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,  
18 but not limited to, a minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face  
19 counseling, and an additional 75 hours of either face-to-face  
20 counseling or client-centered advocacy, ~~as specified in~~  
21 ~~subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section~~  
22 ~~4980.36~~ *or a combination of face-to-face counseling and*  
23 *client-centered advocacy.*

24 (i)

25 (i) An out-of-state applicant who has been licensed for at least  
26 two years in clinical practice, as verified by the board, is exempt  
27 from this requirement.

28 (ii)

29 (ii) An out-of-state applicant who has been licensed for less  
30 than two years in clinical practice, as verified by the board, who  
31 does not meet the practicum requirement, shall remediate it by  
32 obtaining 150 hours of face-to-face counseling, and an additional  
33 75 hours of either face-to-face counseling or client-centered  
34 advocacy, ~~as specified in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of~~  
35 ~~subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36~~ *or a combination of face-to-face*  
36 *counseling and client-centered advocacy.* These hours are in  
37 addition to the 3,000 hours of experience required by this chapter,  
38 and shall be gained while registered as an intern.

39 (B)

1 (D) Twelve semester or 18 quarter units in the ~~subject~~ *areas* of  
2 marriage, family, and child counseling and marital and family  
3 systems approaches to treatment, as specified in subparagraph (A)  
4 of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.

5 (2) An applicant shall complete coursework in California law  
6 and ethics as follows:

7 (A) An applicant who completed a course in law and  
8 professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified  
9 in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81 that did not  
10 include instruction in California law and ethics, shall complete an  
11 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics. The  
12 content of the course shall include, but not be limited to,  
13 advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of  
14 minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient  
15 privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal  
16 laws relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual  
17 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online  
18 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary  
19 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical  
20 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family  
21 law, therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical  
22 standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law  
23 and licensing process. This coursework shall be completed prior  
24 to registration as an intern.

25 (B) An applicant who has not completed a course in law and  
26 professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified  
27 in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81 shall  
28 complete this required coursework. The coursework shall include  
29 content specific to California law and ethics. An applicant shall  
30 complete this coursework *prior to* registration as an intern.

31 (3) The applicant completes the educational requirements  
32 specified in Section 4980.81 not already completed in his or her  
33 education. The coursework may be from an accredited school,  
34 college, or university as specified in paragraph (1), from an  
35 educational institution approved by the Bureau for Private  
36 Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing education provider  
37 that is acceptable to the board as defined in Section 4980.54. ~~The~~  
38 ~~content of this coursework shall be of a graduate level.~~  
39 *Undergraduate coursework shall not satisfy this requirement.*

1 (4) The applicant completes the following coursework not  
2 already completed in his or her education from an accredited  
3 school, college, or university as specified in paragraph (1) above,  
4 from an educational institution approved by the Bureau for Private  
5 Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing education provider  
6 that is acceptable to the board as defined in Section 4980.54. ~~The~~  
7 ~~content of this coursework shall be of a graduate level.~~  
8 *Undergraduate coursework shall not satisfy this requirement.*

9 (A) At least three semester units, or 45 hours, of instruction  
10 pertaining to the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care  
11 and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice  
12 environments, including structured meetings with various  
13 consumers and family members of consumers of mental health  
14 services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental  
15 illness, treatment, and recovery.

16 (B) At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction that  
17 includes an understanding of various California cultures and the  
18 social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.

19 (5) An applicant's degree title need not be identical to that  
20 required by subdivision (b) of Section 4980.36.

21 (6) An applicant may complete any units and course content  
22 requirements required under paragraphs (3) and (4) not already  
23 completed in his or her education while registered as an intern,  
24 unless otherwise specified.

25 SEC. 4. Section 4980.80 of the Business and Professions Code  
26 is amended to read:

27 4980.80. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for  
28 licensure between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2015,  
29 inclusive.

30 (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time  
31 of application, holds a valid license issued by a board of marriage  
32 counselor examiners, marriage therapist examiners, or  
33 corresponding authority of any state, if all of the following  
34 requirements are satisfied:

35 (1) The person has held that license for at least two years  
36 immediately preceding the date of application.

37 (2) The education and supervised experience requirements are  
38 substantially the equivalent of this chapter. If an applicant has less  
39 than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised experience, time actively

1 licensed as a marriage and family therapist shall be accepted at a  
2 rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.

3 (3) The person complies with Section 4980.76, if applicable.

4 (4) The person successfully completes the ~~board-administered~~  
5 *board-administered* licensing examinations as specified by  
6 subdivision (d) of Section 4980.40 and pays the fees specified.

7 (5) The person completes all of the following coursework or  
8 training:

9 (A) (i) An applicant who completed a two semester or three  
10 quarter unit course in law and professional ethics for marriage and  
11 family therapists that does not meet the requirements of Section  
12 4980.41 as part of his or her qualifying degree shall complete an  
13 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics that  
14 includes, but is not limited to, the following subjects: advertising,  
15 scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors,  
16 confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient  
17 privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal  
18 laws relating to the confidentiality of patient health information,  
19 dual relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse,  
20 online therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary  
21 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical  
22 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family  
23 law, and therapist disclosures to patients.

24 (ii) An applicant who has not completed a two semester or three  
25 quarter unit course in law and professional ethics for marriage and  
26 family therapists that included areas of study as specified in Section  
27 4980.41 as part of his or her qualifying degree, shall complete a  
28 two semester or three quarter unit course in California law and  
29 professional ethics that includes, at minimum, the areas of study  
30 specified in Section 4980.41.

31 (B) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework  
32 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28  
33 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

34 (C) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework  
35 in human sexuality as specified in Section 25 and any regulations  
36 promulgated thereunder.

37 (D) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework  
38 in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency as  
39 specified by regulation.

1 (E) (i) Instruction in spousal or partner abuse assessment,  
2 detection, and intervention. This instruction may be taken either  
3 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate  
4 course.

5 (ii) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training  
6 in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention  
7 strategies.

8 (F) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey  
9 course in psychological testing. This course may be taken either  
10 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate  
11 course.

12 (G) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey  
13 course in psychopharmacology. This course may be taken either  
14 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate  
15 course.

16 (H) With respect to human sexuality, alcoholism and other  
17 chemical substance dependency, spousal or partner abuse  
18 assessment, detection, and intervention, psychological testing, and  
19 psychopharmacology, the board may accept training or coursework  
20 acquired out of state.

21 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016,  
22 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
23 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

24 SEC. 5. Section 4980.81 is added to the Business and  
25 Professions Code, to read:

26 4980.81. This section applies to persons subject to Section  
27 4980.78 or 4980.79, who apply for licensure or registration on or  
28 after January 2016.

29 (a) For purposes of Sections 4980.78 and 4980.79, an applicant  
30 shall meet all of the following educational requirements:

31 (1) A minimum of two semester units of instruction in the  
32 diagnosis, assessment, prognosis, and treatment of mental  
33 disorders, including severe mental disorders, evidence-based  
34 practices, psychological testing, psychopharmacology, and  
35 promising mental health practices that are evaluated in peer  
36 reviewed literature. This shall include at least one semester unit  
37 or 15 hours of instruction in psychological testing and at least one  
38 semester unit or 15 hours of instruction in psychopharmacology.

- 1 (2) (A) Developmental issues from infancy to old age, including  
2 demonstration of at least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of  
3 instruction that includes all of the following subjects:
- 4 (i) The effects of developmental issues on individuals, couples,  
5 and family relationships.
  - 6 (ii) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, and health  
7 implications of developmental issues and their effects.
  - 8 (iii) The understanding of the impact that personal and social  
9 insecurity, social stress, low educational levels, inadequate housing,  
10 and malnutrition have on human development.
- 11 (B) An applicant who is deficient in any of these subjects may  
12 remediate the coursework by completing three hours of instruction  
13 in each deficient subject.
- 14 (3) (A) The broad range of matters and life events that may  
15 arise within marriage and family relationships and within a variety  
16 of California cultures, including instruction in all of the following:
- 17 (i) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework  
18 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28  
19 and any regulations promulgated under that section.
  - 20 (ii) A minimum of 10 contact hours of coursework that includes  
21 all of the following:
    - 22 (I) The assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment related  
23 to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.
    - 24 (II) Aging and its biological, social, cognitive, and psychological  
25 aspects.
    - 26 (III) Long-term care.
    - 27 (IV) End-of-life and grief.
  - 28 (iii) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework in spousal  
29 or partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and  
30 ~~same-gender~~ *same-gender* abuse dynamics.
  - 31 (iv) Cultural factors relevant to abuse of partners and family  
32 members.
  - 33 (v) Childbirth, child rearing, parenting, and stepparenting.
  - 34 (vi) Marriage, divorce, and blended families.
  - 35 (vii) Poverty and deprivation.
  - 36 (viii) Financial and social stress.
  - 37 (ix) Effects of trauma.
  - 38 (x) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, community, and  
39 health implications of the matters and life events described in  
40 clauses (i) to (ix), inclusive.

1 (4) At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction in  
2 multicultural development and cross-cultural interaction, including  
3 experiences of race, ethnicity, class, spirituality, sexual orientation,  
4 gender, and disability, and their incorporation into the  
5 psychotherapeutic process.

6 (5) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework  
7 in human sexuality, as specified in Section 25 and any regulations  
8 promulgated under that section, including the study of  
9 physiological, psychological, and social cultural variables  
10 associated with sexual behavior and gender identity, and the  
11 assessment and treatment of psychosexual dysfunction.

12 (6) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework in substance  
13 use disorders, and a minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework  
14 in cooccurring disorders and addiction. The following subjects  
15 shall be included in this coursework:

16 (A) The definition of substance use disorders, cooccurring  
17 disorders, and addiction. For purposes of this subparagraph  
18 “cooccurring disorders” means a mental illness and substance  
19 abuse diagnosis occurring simultaneously in an individual.

20 (B) Medical aspects of substance use disorders and cooccurring  
21 disorders.

22 (C) The effects of psychoactive drug use.

23 (D) Current theories of the etiology of substance abuse and  
24 addiction.

25 (E) The role of persons and systems that support or compound  
26 substance abuse and addiction.

27 (F) Major approaches to identification, evaluation, and treatment  
28 of substance use disorders, cooccurring disorders, and addiction,  
29 including, but not limited to, best practices.

30 (G) Legal aspects of substance abuse.

31 (H) Populations at risk with regard to substance use disorders  
32 and cooccurring disorders.

33 (I) Community resources offering screening, assessment,  
34 treatment, and followup for the affected person and family.

35 (J) Recognition of substance use disorders, cooccurring  
36 disorders, and addiction, and appropriate referral.

37 (K) The prevention of substance use disorders and addiction.

38 (7) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit course  
39 in law and professional ethics for marriage and family therapists,  
40 including instruction in all of the following subjects:

1 (A) Contemporary professional ethics and statutory, regulatory,  
2 and decisional laws that delineate the scope of practice of marriage  
3 and family therapy.

4 (B) The therapeutic, clinical, and practical considerations  
5 involved in the legal and ethical practice of marriage and family  
6 therapy, including, but not limited to, family law.

7 (C) The current legal patterns and trends in the mental health  
8 professions.

9 (D) The psychotherapist-patient privilege, confidentiality, the  
10 patient dangerous to self or others, and the treatment of minors  
11 with and without parental consent.

12 (E) A recognition and exploration of the relationship between  
13 a practitioner’s sense of self and human values and his or her  
14 professional behavior and ethics.

15 (F) Differences in legal and ethical standards for different types  
16 of work settings.

17 (G) Licensing law and licensing process.

18 SEC. 6. Section 4980.90 of the Business and Professions Code  
19 is amended to read:

20 4980.90. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for  
21 licensure between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2015,  
22 inclusive.

23 (b) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted  
24 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent  
25 to that required by this chapter, if the applicant complies with  
26 Section 4980.76, if applicable, and if the applicant has gained a  
27 minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct  
28 counseling within California while registered as an intern with the  
29 board. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained in  
30 another state during the six-year period immediately preceding the  
31 applicant’s initial licensure by that state as a marriage and family  
32 therapist. If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying  
33 supervised experience, time actively licensed as a marriage and  
34 family therapist shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month  
35 up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.

36 (c) Education gained while residing outside of California shall  
37 be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially  
38 equivalent to the education requirements of this chapter, and if the  
39 applicant has completed all of the following:

1 (1) A two semester or three quarter unit course in California  
2 law and professional ethics for marriage, family, and child  
3 counselors that shall include areas of study as specified in Section  
4 4980.41.

5 (2) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework  
6 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28  
7 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

8 (3) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework  
9 in sexuality as specified in Section 25 and any regulations  
10 promulgated thereunder.

11 (4) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework  
12 in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency as  
13 specified by regulation.

14 (5) (A) Instruction in spousal or partner abuse assessment,  
15 detection, and intervention. This instruction may be taken either  
16 in fulfillment of other educational requirements for licensure or  
17 in a separate course.

18 (B) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training  
19 in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention  
20 strategies.

21 (6) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey  
22 course in psychological testing. This course may be taken either  
23 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate  
24 course.

25 (7) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey  
26 course in psychopharmacology. This course may be taken either  
27 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate  
28 course.

29 (8) With respect to human sexuality, alcoholism and other  
30 chemical substance dependency, spousal or partner abuse  
31 assessment, detection, and intervention, psychological testing, and  
32 psychopharmacology, the board may accept training or coursework  
33 acquired out of state.

34 (d) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,  
35 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant meets  
36 both of the following requirements:

37 (1) The applicant has been granted a degree in a single integrated  
38 program primarily designed to train marriage and family therapists.

39 (2) The applicant's education meets the requirements of Section  
40 4980.37. The degree title need not be identical to that required by

1 subdivision (b) of Section 4980.37. If the applicant's degree does  
2 not contain the content or the overall units required by Section  
3 4980.37, the board may, in its discretion, accept the applicant's  
4 education as substantially equivalent if the following criteria are  
5 satisfied:

6 (A) The applicant's degree contains the required number of  
7 practicum units and coursework required in the areas of marriage,  
8 family, and child counseling and marital and family systems  
9 approaches to treatment as specified in Section 4980.37.

10 (B) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by  
11 completing the course content and the units required by Section  
12 4980.37.

13 (C) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

14 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016,  
15 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
16 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

17 SEC. 7. Section 4999.57 of the Business and Professions Code  
18 is amended to read:

19 4999.57. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for  
20 examination eligibility or registration between January 1, 2011,  
21 and December 31, 2015, inclusive, who does not hold a license  
22 described in subdivision (a) of Section 4999.58.

23 (b) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted  
24 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent  
25 to that required by this chapter, if the applicant complies with  
26 Section 4999.40, if applicable, and if the applicant has gained a  
27 minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct  
28 counseling within California while registered as an intern with the  
29 board.

30 (c) (1) Education gained while residing outside of California  
31 shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is  
32 substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this  
33 chapter, and if the applicant has completed the training or  
34 coursework required under subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.

35 (2) An applicant who completed a course that meets the  
36 requirements of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision  
37 (c) of Section 4999.32, and that included instruction in California  
38 law and ethics, is exempt from taking the 18-hour course specified  
39 in paragraph (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.

1 (d) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,  
2 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant's  
3 education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the  
4 applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units  
5 required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept  
6 the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following  
7 criteria are satisfied:

8 (1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of  
9 practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section  
10 4999.32.

11 (2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by  
12 completing the course content and units required by Section  
13 4999.32.

14 (3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

15 (e) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016,  
16 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which  
17 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

18 SEC. 8. Section 4999.58 of the Business and Professions Code  
19 is amended to read:

20 4999.58. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for  
21 examination eligibility between January 1, 2011, and December  
22 31, 2015, inclusive, and who meets both of the following  
23 requirements:

24 (1) At the time of application, holds a valid license as a  
25 professional clinical counselor, or other counseling license that  
26 allows the applicant to independently provide clinical mental health  
27 services, in another jurisdiction of the United States.

28 (2) Has held the license described in paragraph (1) for at least  
29 two years immediately preceding the date of application.

30 (b) The board may issue a license to a person described in  
31 subdivision (a) if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

32 (1) The education and supervised experience requirements of  
33 the other jurisdiction are substantially the equivalent of this chapter,  
34 as described in subdivision (e) and in Section 4999.46.

35 (2) The person complies with subdivision (b) of Section 4999.40,  
36 if applicable.

37 (3) The person successfully completes the examinations required  
38 by the board pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section  
39 4999.50. An applicant who obtained his or her license or  
40 registration under another jurisdiction by taking a national

1 examination that is required by the board may apply for licensure  
2 with the board without retaking that examination if both of the  
3 following conditions are met:

4 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the national  
5 licensing examination that is required by the board.

6 (B) The applicant’s license or registration in that jurisdiction is  
7 in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not  
8 been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise  
9 restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding  
10 brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

11 (4) The person pays the required fees.

12 (c) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted  
13 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent  
14 to that required by this chapter. The board shall consider hours of  
15 experience obtained in another state during the six-year period  
16 immediately preceding the applicant’s initial licensure by that state  
17 as a licensed professional clinical counselor. If the applicant has  
18 less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised experience, time  
19 actively licensed as a licensed professional clinical counselor shall  
20 be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of  
21 1,200 hours.

22 (d) (1) Education gained while residing outside of California  
23 shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is  
24 substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this  
25 chapter, and if the applicant has completed the training or  
26 coursework required under subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.

27 (2) An applicant who completed a course that meets the  
28 requirements of subparagraph—(A) (I) of paragraph (1) of  
29 subdivision (c) of Section 4999.32, and that included instruction  
30 in California law and ethics, is exempt from taking the 18-hour  
31 course specified in paragraph (6) of subdivision (e) of Section  
32 4999.32.

33 (e) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,  
34 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant’s  
35 education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the  
36 applicant’s degree does not contain the content or the overall units  
37 required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept  
38 the applicant’s education as substantially equivalent if the following  
39 criteria are satisfied:

1 (1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of  
2 practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section  
3 4999.32.

4 (2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by  
5 completing the course content and units required by Section  
6 4999.32.

7 (3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

8 (f) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016,  
9 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which  
10 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

11 SEC. 9. Section 4999.59 of the Business and Professions Code  
12 is amended to read:

13 4999.59. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for  
14 examination eligibility or registration between January 1, 2011,  
15 and December 31, 2015, inclusive, who meets both of the following  
16 requirements:

17 (1) At the time of application, holds a valid license described  
18 in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 4999.58.

19 (2) Has held the license described in paragraph (1) for less than  
20 two years immediately preceding the date of application.

21 (b) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted  
22 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent  
23 to that required by this chapter, if the applicant complies with  
24 Section 4999.40, if applicable, and if the applicant has gained a  
25 minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct  
26 counseling within California while registered as an intern with the  
27 board. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained in  
28 another state during the six-year period immediately preceding the  
29 applicant's initial licensure in that state as a professional clinical  
30 counselor. If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying  
31 supervised experience, time actively licensed as a licensed  
32 professional clinical counselor shall be accepted at a rate of 100  
33 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.

34 (c) (1) Education gained while residing outside of California  
35 shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is  
36 substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this  
37 chapter, and if the applicant has completed the training or  
38 coursework required under subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.

39 (2) An applicant who completed a course that meets the  
40 requirements of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision

1 (c) of Section 4999.32, and that included instruction in California  
2 law and ethics, is exempt from taking the 18-hour course specified  
3 in paragraph (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.

4 (d) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,  
5 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant's  
6 education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the  
7 applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units  
8 required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept  
9 the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following  
10 criteria are satisfied:

11 (1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of  
12 practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section  
13 4999.32.

14 (2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by  
15 completing the course content and units required by Section  
16 4999.32.

17 (3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

18 (e) An applicant who obtained his or her license or registration  
19 under another jurisdiction by taking a national examination that  
20 is required by the board may apply for licensure with the board  
21 without retaking that examination if both of the following  
22 conditions are met:

23 (1) The applicant obtained a passing score on the national  
24 licensing examination that is required by the board.

25 (2) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is  
26 in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not  
27 been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise  
28 restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding  
29 brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

30 (f) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016,  
31 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which  
32 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

33 SEC. 10. Section 4999.60 of the Business and Professions  
34 Code is amended to read:

35 4999.60. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed  
36 outside of California and apply for examination eligibility on or  
37 after January 1, 2016.

38 (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time  
39 of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter,  
40 holds a valid license as a professional clinical counselor, or other

1 counseling license that allows the applicant to independently  
2 provide clinical mental health services, in another jurisdiction of  
3 the United States, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

4 (1) The applicant's education is substantially equivalent, as  
5 defined in Section 4999.63.

6 (2) The applicant complies with subdivision (b) of Section  
7 4999.40, if applicable.

8 (3) The applicant's supervised experience is substantially  
9 equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. The  
10 board shall consider hours of experience obtained outside of  
11 California during the six-year period immediately preceding the  
12 date the applicant initially obtained the license described above.  
13 If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised  
14 experience, time actively licensed as a professional clinical  
15 counselor shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up to  
16 a maximum of 1,200 hours if the applicant's degree meets the  
17 practicum requirement described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph  
18 (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4999.63 without exemptions or  
19 remediation.

20 (4) The applicant passes the examinations required to obtain a  
21 license under this chapter. An applicant who obtained his or her  
22 license or registration under another jurisdiction may apply for  
23 licensure with the board without taking the clinical examination  
24 if both of the following conditions are met:

25 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing  
26 examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.

27 (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is  
28 in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not  
29 been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise  
30 restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding  
31 brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

32 SEC. 11. Section 4999.62 of the Business and Professions  
33 Code is amended to read:

34 4999.62. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for  
35 examination eligibility or registration on or after January 1, 2016,  
36 and who do not hold a license as described in Section 4999.60.

37 (b) For purposes of Section 4999.61, education is substantially  
38 equivalent if all of the following requirements are met:

1 (1) The degree is obtained from an accredited or approved  
2 institution, as defined in Section 4999.12, and consists of, at a  
3 minimum, the following:

4 (A) (i) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within  
5 the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.33 the  
6 degree shall contain no less than 60 graduate semester or 90  
7 graduate quarter units of instruction.

8 (ii) Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be  
9 remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur  
10 while the applicant is registered as an intern.

11 (B) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the  
12 timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.32 the  
13 degree shall contain no less than 48 graduate semester or 72  
14 graduate quarter units of instruction.

15 (C) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,  
16 but not limited to, a minimum of 280 hours of face-to-face  
17 counseling.

18 (D) The required areas of study listed in subparagraphs (A) to  
19 (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section  
20 4999.33.

21 (i) An applicant whose degree is deficient in ~~any~~ *no more than*  
22 *six* of the required ~~subjects~~ *areas of study* listed in subparagraphs  
23 (A) to (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) may  
24 satisfy those deficiencies by successfully completing graduate  
25 level coursework at an accredited or approved institution, as  
26 defined in Section 4999.12. Coursework taken to meet those  
27 deficiencies shall be the equivalent of three semester units or four  
28 and one-half quarter units of study.

29 (ii) An applicant who completed a course in professional  
30 orientation, ethics, and law in counseling as required by  
31 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section  
32 4999.33 that did not contain instruction in California law and ethics  
33 shall complete an 18-hour course in California law and professional  
34 ethics that includes, but is not limited to, instruction in advertising,  
35 scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors,  
36 confidentiality, dangerous clients, psychotherapist-client privilege,  
37 recordkeeping, client access to records, state and federal laws  
38 relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual  
39 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online  
40 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary

1 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical  
2 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family  
3 law, and therapist disclosures to clients. An applicant shall  
4 complete this coursework prior to registration as an intern.

5 (iii) An applicant who has not completed a course in professional  
6 orientation, ethics, and law in counseling as required by  
7 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section  
8 4999.33 shall complete this required coursework, including content  
9 in California law and ethics. An applicant shall complete this  
10 coursework prior to registration as an intern.

11 (2) The applicant completes any units required by subdivision  
12 (c) of Section 4999.33 not already completed in his or her education  
13 as follows:

14 (A) At least 15 semester units or 22.5 quarter units of advanced  
15 coursework to develop knowledge of specific treatment issues or  
16 special populations. This coursework is in addition to the course  
17 requirements described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1).

18 (B) Coursework shall be from an accredited or approved school,  
19 college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12.

20 (3) (A) The applicant completes the following coursework not  
21 already completed in his or her education:

22 (i) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training in human  
23 sexuality, as specified in Section 25 and any regulations  
24 promulgated thereunder, including the study of the physiological,  
25 psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual  
26 behavior, gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of  
27 psychosexual dysfunction.

28 (ii) A minimum of 15 contact hours of instruction in spousal or  
29 partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and  
30 same-gender abuse dynamics.

31 (iii) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or  
32 coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified  
33 in Section 28 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

34 (iv) A minimum of 10 contact hours of instruction in aging and  
35 long-term care, including biological, social, cognitive, and  
36 psychological aspects of aging. This coursework shall include  
37 instruction on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment  
38 related to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.

39 (B) This coursework may be from an accredited or approved  
40 school, college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12, or

1 from a continuing education provider that is acceptable to the board  
 2 as defined in Section 4999.76. ~~The content of this coursework shall~~  
 3 ~~be of a graduate level. Undergraduate coursework shall not satisfy~~  
 4 ~~this requirement.~~

5 (4) The applicant completes the following coursework not  
 6 already completed in his or her education from an accredited or  
 7 approved school, college, or university as defined in Section  
 8 4999.12, or from a continuing education provider that is acceptable  
 9 to the board as defined in Section 4999.76. ~~The content of this~~  
 10 ~~coursework shall be of a graduate level. Undergraduate coursework~~  
 11 ~~shall not satisfy this requirement.~~

12 (A) At least three semester units, or 45 hours, of instruction  
 13 regarding the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care  
 14 and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice  
 15 environments, including structured meetings with various  
 16 consumers and family members of consumers of mental health  
 17 services to enhance understanding of their experiences of mental  
 18 illness, treatment, and recovery.

19 (B) At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction that  
 20 includes an understanding of various California cultures and the  
 21 social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.

22 (5) An applicant may complete any units and course content  
 23 requirements required under paragraphs (2), (3), or (4) not already  
 24 completed in his or her education while registered with the board  
 25 as an intern.

26 SEC. 12. Section 4999.63 is added to the Business and  
 27 Professions Code, to read:

28 4999.63. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for  
 29 examination eligibility or registration on or after January 1, 2016,  
 30 and who hold a license as described in Section 4999.60.

31 (b) For purposes of Section 4999.60, education is substantially  
 32 equivalent if all of the following requirements are met:

33 (1) The degree ~~was~~ *is* obtained from an accredited or approved  
 34 institution, as defined in Section 4999.12, and consists of the  
 35 following:

36 (A) (i) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within  
 37 the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.33 the  
 38 degree shall contain no less than 60 graduate semester or 90  
 39 graduate quarter units of instruction.

1 (ii) Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be  
2 remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur  
3 while the applicant is registered as an intern.

4 (B) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the  
5 timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.32 the  
6 degree shall contain no less than 48 graduate semester or 72  
7 graduate quarter units of instruction.

8 (C) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,  
9 but not limited to, a minimum of 280 hours of face-to-face  
10 counseling.

11 (i) An applicant who has been licensed for at least two years in  
12 clinical practice, as verified by the board, is exempt from this  
13 requirement.

14 (ii) An out-of-state applicant who has been licensed for less  
15 than two years in clinical practice, as verified by the board, who  
16 does not meet the practicum requirement, shall remediate the  
17 requirement by demonstrating completion of a total of 280 hours  
18 of face-to face counseling, as specified in subparagraph (K) of  
19 paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 4999.33. Any  
20 postdegree hours gained to meet this requirement are in addition  
21 to the 3,000 hours of experience required by this chapter, and shall  
22 be gained while the applicant is registered with the board as an  
23 intern.

24 (D) The required—~~subjects~~ *areas of study* specified in  
25 subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of  
26 subdivision (c) of Section 4999.33.

27 (i) An applicant whose degree is deficient in—~~any~~ *no more than*  
28 *six* of the required—~~subjects~~ *areas of study* specified in  
29 subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of  
30 subdivision (c) may satisfy those deficiencies by successfully  
31 completing graduate level coursework at an accredited or approved  
32 institution, as defined in Section 4999.12. Coursework taken to  
33 meet those deficiencies shall be the equivalent of three semester  
34 units or four and one-half quarter units of study.

35 (ii) An applicant who completed a course in professional  
36 orientation, ethics, and law in counseling as required by  
37 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section  
38 4999.33 that did not contain instruction in California law and ethics  
39 shall complete an 18-hour course in California law and professional  
40 ethics that includes, but is not limited to, instruction in advertising,

1 scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors,  
2 confidentiality, dangerous clients, psychotherapist-client privilege,  
3 recordkeeping, client access to records, state and federal laws  
4 relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual  
5 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online  
6 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary  
7 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical  
8 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family  
9 law, and therapist disclosures to clients. An applicant shall  
10 complete this coursework prior to registration as an intern.

11 (iii) An applicant who has not completed a course in professional  
12 orientation, ethics, and law in counseling as required by  
13 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section  
14 4999.33 shall complete this required coursework, including content  
15 in California law and ethics. An applicant shall complete this  
16 coursework prior to registration as an intern.

17 (2) The applicant completes any units required under subdivision  
18 (c) of Section 4999.33 not already completed in his or her education  
19 as follows:

20 (A) At least 15 semester units or 22.5 quarter units of advanced  
21 coursework to develop knowledge of specific treatment issues or  
22 special populations. This coursework is in addition to the course  
23 requirements described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1).

24 (B) Coursework shall be from an accredited or approved school,  
25 college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12.

26 (3) The applicant completes the following coursework not  
27 already completed in his or her education:

28 (A) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training in human  
29 sexuality, as specified in Section 25 and any regulations  
30 promulgated thereunder, including the study of the physiological,  
31 psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual  
32 behavior, gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of  
33 psychosexual dysfunction.

34 (B) A minimum of 15 contact hours of instruction in spousal  
35 or partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and  
36 same-gender abuse dynamics.

37 (C) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework  
38 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28  
39 and any regulations promulgated under that section.

1 (D) A minimum of 10 contact hours of instruction in aging and  
2 long-term care, including biological, social, cognitive, and  
3 psychological aspects of aging. This coursework shall include  
4 instruction on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment  
5 related to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.

6 (E) This coursework may be from an accredited or approved  
7 school, college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12, or  
8 from a continuing education provider that is acceptable to the board  
9 as defined in Section 4999.76. ~~The content of this coursework shall~~  
10 ~~be of a graduate level. Undergraduate coursework shall not satisfy~~  
11 ~~this requirement.~~

12 (4) The applicant completes the following coursework not  
13 already completed in his or her education from an accredited or  
14 approved school, college, or university as defined in Section  
15 4999.12, or from a continuing education provider that is acceptable  
16 to the board as defined in Section 4999.76. ~~The content of this~~  
17 ~~coursework shall be of a graduate level. Undergraduate coursework~~  
18 ~~shall not satisfy this requirement.~~

19 (A) At least three semester units or 45 hours of instruction  
20 regarding the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care  
21 and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice  
22 environments, including structured meetings with various  
23 consumers and family members of consumers of mental health  
24 services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental  
25 illness, treatment, and recovery.

26 (B) At least one semester unit or 15 hours of instruction that  
27 includes an understanding of various California cultures and the  
28 social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.

29 (5) An applicant may complete any units and course content  
30 requirements required by subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) or  
31 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) not already completed in his or her  
32 education while registered with the board as an intern, unless  
33 otherwise specified.