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SENATE BILL

No. 620

Introduced by Senator Block

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Sections 4980.03, 4980.42, 4980.43, 4980.44, 4996.23, and 4999.46 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 620, as amended, Block. Board of Behavioral Sciences: licensure requirements.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, and professional clinical counselors by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Existing law requires applicants for licensure in those professions to comply with specified educational and experience requirements, including, but not limited to, hours of supervised experience, and sets forth terms, conditions, and limitations for those hours of experience, as specified.

This bill would revise those experience requirements and provide that individuals who submit applications for examination eligibility between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2020, may alternately qualify under the current requirements. The bill would also make other technical 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 4980.03 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 4980.03. (a) “Board,” as used in this chapter, means the Board
4 of Behavioral Sciences.

5 (b) “Intern,” as used in this chapter, means an unlicensed person
6 who has earned his or her master’s or ~~doctor’s~~ *doctoral* degree
7 qualifying him or her for licensure and is registered with the board.

8 (c) “Trainee,” as used in this chapter, means an unlicensed
9 person who is currently enrolled in a master’s or ~~doctor’s~~ *doctoral*
10 degree program, as specified in Sections 4980.36 and 4980.37,
11 that is designed to qualify him or her for licensure under this
12 chapter, and who has completed no less than 12 semester units or
13 18 quarter units of coursework in any qualifying degree program.

14 (d) “Applicant,” as used in this chapter, means an unlicensed
15 person who has completed a master’s or doctoral degree program,
16 as specified in Sections 4980.36 and 4980.37, and whose
17 application for registration as an intern is pending, or an unlicensed
18 person who has completed the requirements for licensure as
19 specified in this chapter, is no longer registered with the board as
20 an intern, and is currently in the examination process.

21 (e) “Advertise,” as used in this chapter, includes, but is not
22 limited to, any public communication, as defined in subdivision
23 (a) of Section 651, the issuance of any card, sign, or device to any
24 person, or the causing, permitting, or allowing of any sign or
25 marking on, or in, any building or structure, or in any newspaper
26 or magazine or in any directory, or any printed matter whatsoever,
27 with or without any limiting qualification. Signs within religious
28 buildings or notices in church bulletins mailed to a congregation
29 shall not be construed as advertising within the meaning of this
30 chapter.

31 (f) “Experience,” as used in this chapter, means experience in
32 interpersonal relationships, psychotherapy, marriage and family
33 therapy, direct counseling, and nonclinical practice that satisfies
34 the requirements for licensure as a marriage and family therapist
35 pursuant to Section 4980.40.

36 (g) “Supervisor,” as used in this chapter, means an individual
37 who meets all of the following requirements:

1 (1) Has been licensed by a state regulatory agency for at least
2 two years as a marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical
3 social worker, licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed
4 psychologist, or licensed physician certified in psychiatry by the
5 American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

6 (2) If a licensed professional clinical counselor, the individual
7 shall meet the additional training and education requirements
8 specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 4999.20.

9 (3) Has not provided therapeutic services to the trainee or intern.

10 (4) Has a current and valid license that is not under suspension
11 or probation.

12 (5) Complies with supervision requirements established by this
13 chapter and by board regulations.

14 (h) “Client centered advocacy,” as used in this chapter, includes,
15 but is not limited to, researching, identifying, and accessing
16 resources, or other activities, related to obtaining or providing
17 services and supports for clients or groups of clients receiving
18 psychotherapy or counseling services.

19 SEC. 2. Section 4980.42 of the Business and Professions Code
20 is amended to read:

21 4980.42. (a) Trainees performing services in any work setting
22 specified in subdivision (e) of Section 4980.43 may perform those
23 activities and services as a trainee, provided that the activities and
24 services constitute part of the trainee’s supervised course of study
25 and that the person is designated by the title “trainee.”

26 (b) Trainees subject to Section 4980.37 may gain hours of
27 experience and counsel clients outside of the required practicum.
28 This subdivision shall apply to hours of experience gained and
29 client counseling provided on and after January 1, 2012.

30 (c) Trainees subject to Section 4980.36 may gain hours of
31 experience outside of the required practicum but must be enrolled
32 in a practicum course to counsel clients. Trainees subject to Section
33 4980.36 may counsel clients while not enrolled in a practicum
34 course if the period of lapsed enrollment is less than 90 calendar
35 days, and if that period is immediately preceded by enrollment in
36 a practicum course and immediately followed by enrollment in a
37 practicum course or completion of the degree program.

38 (d) All hours of experience gained pursuant to subdivisions (b)
39 and (c) shall be subject to the other requirements of this chapter.

1 (e) All hours of experience gained as a trainee shall be
2 coordinated between the school and the site where the hours are
3 being accrued. The school shall approve each site and shall have
4 a written agreement with each site that details each party's
5 responsibilities, including the methods by which supervision shall
6 be provided. The agreement shall provide for regular progress
7 reports and evaluations of the student's performance at the site. If
8 an applicant has gained hours of experience while enrolled in an
9 institution other than the one that confers the qualifying degree, it
10 shall be the applicant's responsibility to provide to the board
11 satisfactory evidence that those hours of trainee experience were
12 gained in compliance with this section.

13 SEC. 3. Section 4980.43 of the Business and Professions Code
14 is amended to read:

15 4980.43. (a) To qualify for licensure as specified in Section
16 4980.40, each applicant shall complete experience related to the
17 practice of marriage and family therapy under a ~~qualified~~
18 ~~supervisor.~~ *supervisor who meets the qualifications set forth in*
19 *Section 4980.03.* The experience shall comply with the following:

20 (1) A minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised experience
21 completed during a period of at least 104 weeks.

22 (2) A maximum of 40 hours in any seven consecutive days.

23 (3) A minimum of 1,700 hours obtained after the qualifying
24 master's or doctoral degree was awarded.

25 (4) A maximum of 1,300 hours obtained prior to the award date
26 of the qualifying master's or doctoral degree.

27 (5) A maximum of 750 hours of counseling and direct supervisor
28 contact prior to the award date of the qualifying master's or
29 doctoral degree.

30 (6) No hours of experience may be gained prior to completing
31 either 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of graduate instruction.

32 (7) No hours of experience may be gained more than six years
33 prior to the date the application for examination eligibility was
34 filed, except that up to 500 hours of clinical experience gained in
35 the supervised practicum required by subdivision (c) of Section
36 4980.37 and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d)
37 of Section 4980.36 shall be exempt from this six-year requirement.

38 (8) A minimum of 1,750 hours of direct counseling with
39 individuals, groups, couples, or families, that includes not less than

1 500 total hours of experience in diagnosing and treating couples,
2 families, and children.

3 (9) A maximum of 1,250 hours of nonclinical practice, ~~including~~
4 *consisting of* direct supervisor contact, administering and evaluating
5 psychological tests, writing clinical reports, writing progress or
6 process notes, client-centered advocacy, and workshops, seminars,
7 training sessions, or conferences directly related to marriage and
8 family therapy that have been approved by the applicant's
9 supervisor.

10 (10) It is anticipated and encouraged that hours of experience
11 will include working with elders and dependent adults who have
12 physical or mental limitations that restrict their ability to carry out
13 normal activities or protect their rights.

14 This subdivision shall only apply to hours gained on and after
15 January 1, 2010.

16 (b) An individual who submits an application for examination
17 eligibility between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2020, may
18 alternately qualify under the experience requirements that were in
19 place on January 1, 2015.

20 (c) All applicants, trainees, and registrants shall be at all times
21 under the supervision of a supervisor who shall be responsible for
22 ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed
23 is consistent with the training and experience of the person being
24 supervised, and who shall be responsible to the board for
25 compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the
26 practice of marriage and family therapy. Supervised experience
27 shall be gained by ~~interns and trainees~~ *an intern or trainee* only
28 as an employee or as a volunteer. The requirements of this chapter
29 regarding gaining hours of experience and supervision are
30 applicable equally to employees and volunteers. Experience shall
31 not be gained by ~~interns or trainees~~ *an intern or trainee* as an
32 independent contractor.

33 (1) If employed, an intern shall provide the board with copies
34 of the corresponding W-2 tax forms for each year of experience
35 claimed upon application for licensure.

36 (2) If volunteering, an intern shall provide the board with a letter
37 from his or her employer verifying the intern's employment as a
38 volunteer upon application for licensure.

39 (d) Except for experience gained by attending workshops,
40 seminars, training sessions, or conferences as described in

1 paragraph (9) of subdivision (a), supervision shall include at least
2 one hour of direct supervisor contact in each week for which
3 experience is credited in each work setting, as specified:

4 (1) A trainee shall receive an average of at least one hour of
5 direct supervisor contact for every five hours of client contact in
6 each setting. No more than six hours of supervision, whether
7 individual or group, shall be credited during any single week.

8 (2) An individual supervised after being granted a qualifying
9 degree shall receive at least one additional hour of direct supervisor
10 contact for every week in which more than 10 hours of client
11 contact is gained in each setting. No more than six hours of
12 supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during
13 any single week.

14 (3) For purposes of this section, “one hour of direct supervisor
15 contact” means one hour per week of face-to-face contact on an
16 individual basis or two hours per week of face-to-face contact in
17 a group.

18 (4) Direct supervisor contact shall occur within the same week
19 as the hours claimed.

20 (5) Direct supervisor contact provided in a group shall be
21 provided in a group of not more than eight supervisees and in
22 segments lasting no less than one continuous hour.

23 (6) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), an intern working in a
24 governmental entity, a school, a college, or a university, or an
25 institution that is both nonprofit and charitable may obtain the
26 required weekly direct supervisor contact via two-way, real-time
27 videoconferencing. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring
28 that client confidentiality is upheld.

29 (7) All experience gained by a trainee shall be monitored by the
30 supervisor as specified by regulation.

31 (8) The six hours of supervision that may be credited during
32 any single week pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply to
33 supervision hours gained on or after January 1, 2009.

34 (e) (1) A trainee may be credited with supervised experience
35 completed in any setting that meets all of the following:

36 (A) Lawfully and regularly provides mental health counseling
37 or psychotherapy.

38 (B) Provides oversight to ensure that the trainee’s work at the
39 setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth

1 in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession
2 as defined in Section 4980.02.

3 (C) Is not a private practice owned by a licensed marriage and
4 family therapist, a licensed professional clinical counselor, a
5 licensed psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed
6 physician and surgeon, or a professional corporation of any of
7 those licensed professions.

8 (2) Experience may be gained by the trainee solely as part of
9 the position for which the trainee volunteers or is employed.

10 (f) (1) An intern may be credited with supervised experience
11 completed in any setting that meets both of the following:

12 (A) Lawfully and regularly provides mental health counseling
13 or psychotherapy.

14 (B) Provides oversight to ensure that the intern's work at the
15 setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth
16 in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession
17 as defined in Section 4980.02.

18 (2) An applicant shall not be employed or volunteer in a private
19 practice, as defined in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of
20 subdivision (e), until registered as an intern.

21 (3) While an intern may be either a paid employee or a
22 volunteer, employers are encouraged to provide fair remuneration
23 to interns.

24 (4) Except for periods of time during a supervisor's vacation or
25 sick leave, an intern who is employed or volunteering in private
26 practice shall be under the direct supervision of a licensee that has
27 satisfied the requirements of subdivision (g) of Section 4980.03.
28 The supervising licensee shall either be employed by and practice
29 at the same site as the intern's employer, or shall be an owner or
30 shareholder of the private practice. Alternative supervision may
31 be arranged during a supervisor's vacation or sick leave if the
32 supervision meets the requirements of this section.

33 (5) Experience may be gained by the intern solely as part of the
34 position for which the intern volunteers or is employed.

35 (g) Except as provided in subdivision (h), all persons shall
36 register with the board as an intern in order to be credited for
37 postdegree hours of supervised experience gained toward licensure.

38 (h) Except when employed in a private practice setting, all
39 postdegree hours of experience shall be credited toward licensure
40 so long as the applicant applies for the intern registration within

1 90 days of the granting of the qualifying master's or doctoral
2 degree and is thereafter granted the intern registration by the board.

3 (i) Trainees, interns, and applicants shall not receive any
4 remuneration from patients or clients, and shall only be paid by
5 their employers.

6 (j) Trainees, interns, and applicants shall only perform services
7 at the place where their employers regularly conduct business,
8 which may include performing services at other locations, so long
9 as the services are performed under the direction and control of
10 their employer and supervisor, and in compliance with the laws
11 and regulations pertaining to supervision. Trainees and interns
12 shall have no proprietary interest in their employers' businesses
13 and shall not lease or rent space, pay for furnishings, equipment,
14 or supplies, or in any other way pay for the obligations of their
15 employers.

16 (k) Trainees, interns, or applicants who provide volunteered
17 services or other services, and who receive no more than a total,
18 from all work settings, of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month
19 as reimbursement for expenses actually incurred by those trainees,
20 interns, or applicants for services rendered in any lawful work
21 setting other than a private practice shall be considered—~~an~~
22 ~~employee~~ *employees* and not—~~an~~ independent—~~contractor~~.
23 *contractors*. The board may audit applicants who receive
24 reimbursement for expenses, and the applicants shall have the
25 burden of demonstrating that the payments received were for
26 reimbursement of expenses actually incurred.

27 (l) Each educational institution preparing applicants for licensure
28 pursuant to this chapter shall consider requiring, and shall
29 encourage, its students to undergo individual, marital or conjoint,
30 family, or group counseling or psychotherapy, as appropriate. Each
31 supervisor shall consider, advise, and encourage his or her interns
32 and trainees regarding the advisability of undertaking individual,
33 marital or conjoint, family, or group counseling or psychotherapy,
34 as appropriate. Insofar as it is deemed appropriate and is desired
35 by the applicant, the educational institution and supervisors are
36 encouraged to assist the applicant in locating that counseling or
37 psychotherapy at a reasonable cost.

38 SEC. 4. Section 4980.44 of the Business and Professions Code
39 is amended to read:

1 4980.44. An unlicensed marriage and family therapist intern
2 employed under this chapter shall comply with the following
3 requirements:

4 (a) Possess, at a minimum, a master’s degree as specified in
5 Section 4980.36 or 4980.37, as applicable.

6 (b) Register with the board prior to performing any duties,
7 except as otherwise provided in subdivision (h) of Section 4980.43.

8 (c) Prior to performing any professional services, inform each
9 client or patient that he or she is an unlicensed marriage and family
10 therapist registered intern, provide his or her registration number
11 and the name of his or her employer, and indicate whether he or
12 she is under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family
13 therapist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed professional
14 clinical counselor, licensed psychologist, or a licensed physician
15 and surgeon certified in psychiatry by the American Board of
16 Psychiatry and Neurology.

17 (d) (1) Any advertisement by or on behalf of a marriage and
18 family therapist registered intern shall include, at a minimum, all
19 of the following information:

20 (A) That he or she is a marriage and family therapist registered
21 intern.

22 (B) The intern’s registration number.

23 (C) The name of his or her employer.

24 (D) That he or she is supervised by a licensed person.

25 (2) The abbreviation “MFTI” shall not be used in an
26 advertisement unless the title “marriage and family therapist
27 registered intern” appears in the advertisement.

28 SEC. 5. Section 4996.23 of the Business and Professions Code
29 is amended to read:

30 4996.23. (a) To qualify for licensure as specified in Section
31 4996.2, each applicant shall complete 3,200 hours of post-master’s
32 degree *supervised* experience related to the practice of clinical
33 social work, under a ~~qualified~~ supervisor. The experience shall
34 comply with the following:

35 (1) At least 1,700 hours shall be gained under the supervision
36 of a licensed clinical social worker. The remaining required
37 supervised experience may be gained under the supervision of a
38 licensed mental health professional acceptable to the board as
39 defined by a regulation adopted by the board.

1 (2) A minimum of 2,000 hours in clinical psychosocial
2 diagnosis, assessment, and treatment, including psychotherapy or
3 counseling.

4 (3) A maximum of 1,200 hours in client-centered advocacy,
5 consultation, evaluation, research, direct supervisor contact, and
6 workshops, seminars, training sessions, or conferences directly
7 related to clinical social work that have been approved by the
8 applicant's supervisor.

9 (4) Of the 2,000 clinical hours required in paragraph (2), no less
10 than 750 hours shall be face-to-face individual or group
11 psychotherapy provided to clients in the context of clinical social
12 work services.

13 (5) A minimum of two years of supervised experience is required
14 to be obtained over a period of not less than 104 weeks and shall
15 have been gained within the six years immediately preceding the
16 date on which the application for licensure was filed.

17 (6) Experience shall not be credited for more than 40 hours in
18 any week.

19 (b) An individual who submits an application for examination
20 eligibility between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2020, may
21 alternately qualify under the experience requirements that were in
22 place on January 1, 2015.

23 (c) "Supervision" means responsibility for, and control of, the
24 quality of clinical social work services being provided.
25 Consultation or peer discussion shall not be considered to be
26 supervision.

27 (d) (1) Prior to the commencement of supervision, a supervisor
28 shall comply with all requirements enumerated in Section 1870 of
29 Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and shall sign under
30 penalty of perjury the "Responsibility Statement for Supervisors
31 of an Associate Clinical Social Worker" form.

32 (2) Supervised experience shall include at least one hour of
33 direct supervisor contact for a minimum of 104 weeks. For
34 purposes of this subdivision, "one hour of direct supervisor contact"
35 means one hour per week of face-to-face contact on an individual
36 basis or two hours of face-to-face contact in a group conducted
37 within the same week as the hours claimed.

38 (3) An associate shall receive at least one additional hour of
39 direct supervisor contact for every week in which more than 10
40 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy is performed in each setting

1 in which experience is gained. No more than six hours of
2 supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during
3 any single week.

4 (4) Supervision shall include at least one hour of direct
5 supervisor contact during each week for which experience is gained
6 in each work setting. Supervision is not required for experience
7 gained attending workshops, seminars, training sessions, or
8 conferences as described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).

9 (5) The six hours of supervision that may be credited during
10 any single week pursuant to paragraph (3) shall apply only to
11 supervision hours gained on or after January 1, 2010.

12 (6) Group supervision shall be provided in a group of not more
13 than eight supervisees and shall be provided in segments lasting
14 no less than one continuous hour.

15 (7) Of the 104 weeks of required supervision, 52 weeks shall
16 be individual supervision, and of the 52 weeks of required
17 individual supervision, not less than 13 weeks shall be supervised
18 by a licensed clinical social worker.

19 (8) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), an associate clinical social
20 worker working for a governmental entity, school, college, or
21 university, or an institution that is both a nonprofit and charitable
22 institution, may obtain the required weekly direct supervisor
23 contact via live two-way videoconferencing. The supervisor shall
24 be responsible for ensuring that client confidentiality is preserved.

25 (e) The supervisor and the associate shall develop a supervisory
26 plan that describes the goals and objectives of supervision. These
27 goals shall include the ongoing assessment of strengths and
28 limitations and the assurance of practice in accordance with the
29 laws and regulations. The associate shall submit to the board the
30 initial original supervisory plan upon application for licensure.

31 (f) Experience shall only be gained in a setting that meets both
32 of the following:

33 (1) Lawfully and regularly provides clinical social work, mental
34 health counseling, or psychotherapy.

35 (2) Provides oversight to ensure that the associate's work at the
36 setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth
37 in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession
38 as defined in Section 4996.9.

39 (g) Experience shall not be gained until the applicant has been
40 registered as an associate clinical social worker.

1 (h) Employment in a private practice as defined in subdivision
2 (i) shall not commence until the applicant has been registered as
3 an associate clinical social worker.

4 (i) A private practice setting is a setting that is owned by a
5 licensed clinical social worker, a licensed marriage and family
6 therapist, a licensed psychologist, a licensed professional clinical
7 counselor, a licensed physician and surgeon, or a professional
8 corporation of any of those licensed professions.

9 (j) If volunteering, the associate shall provide the board with a
10 letter from his or her employer verifying his or her voluntary status
11 upon application for licensure.

12 (k) If employed, the associate shall provide the board with copies
13 of his or her W-2 tax forms for each year of experience claimed
14 upon application for licensure.

15 (l) While an associate may be either a paid employee or
16 volunteer, employers are encouraged to provide fair remuneration
17 to associates.

18 (m) An associate shall not do the following:

19 (1) Receive any remuneration from patients or clients and shall
20 only be paid by his or her employer.

21 (2) Have any proprietary interest in the employer’s business.

22 (3) Lease or rent space, pay for furnishings, equipment, or
23 supplies, or in any other way pay for the obligations of his or her
24 employer.

25 (n) An associate, whether employed or volunteering, may obtain
26 supervision from a person not employed by the associate’s
27 employer if that person has signed a written agreement with the
28 employer to take supervisory responsibility for the associate’s
29 social work services.

30 (o) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, associates and
31 applicants for examination shall receive a minimum of one hour
32 of supervision per week for each setting in which he or she is
33 working.

34 SEC. 6. Section 4999.46 of the Business and Professions Code,
35 as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 435 of the Statutes of 2014,
36 is amended to read:

37 4999.46. (a) To qualify for licensure as specified in Section
38 4999.50, applicants shall complete experience related to the
39 practice of professional clinical counseling under a qualified an

1 *approved* supervisor. The experience shall comply with the
2 following:

3 (1) A minimum of 3,000 postdegree hours of supervised
4 experience performed over a period of not less than two years (104
5 weeks).

6 (2) Not more than 40 hours in any seven consecutive days.

7 (3) Not less than 1,750 hours of direct counseling with
8 individuals, groups, couples, or families in a setting described in
9 Section 4999.44 using a variety of psychotherapeutic techniques
10 and recognized counseling interventions within the scope of
11 practice of licensed professional clinical counselors.

12 (4) Not less than 150 hours of clinical experience in a hospital
13 or community mental health setting, as defined in Section 1820 of
14 Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

15 (5) A maximum of 1,250 hours of nonclinical practice, ~~including~~
16 *consisting of* direct supervisor contact, administering and evaluating
17 psychological tests, writing clinical reports, writing progress or
18 process notes, client-centered advocacy, and workshops, seminars,
19 training sessions, or conferences directly related to professional
20 clinical counseling that have been approved by the applicant's
21 supervisor.

22 (b) An individual who submits an application for examination
23 eligibility between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2020, may
24 alternately qualify under the experience requirements that were in
25 place on January 1, 2015.

26 (c) No hours of clinical mental health experience may be gained
27 more than six years prior to the date the application for examination
28 eligibility was filed.

29 (d) An applicant shall register with the board as an intern in
30 order to be credited for postdegree hours of experience toward
31 licensure. Postdegree hours of experience shall be credited toward
32 licensure, provided that the applicant applies for intern registration
33 within 90 days of the granting of the qualifying degree and is
34 registered as an intern by the board.

35 (e) All applicants and interns shall be at all times under the
36 supervision of a supervisor who shall be responsible for ensuring
37 that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed is
38 consistent with the training and experience of the person being
39 supervised, and who shall be responsible to the board for

1 compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the
2 practice of professional clinical counseling.

3 (f) Experience obtained under the supervision of a spouse or
4 relative by blood or marriage shall not be credited toward the
5 required hours of supervised experience. Experience obtained
6 under the supervision of a supervisor with whom the applicant has
7 had or currently has a personal, professional, or business
8 relationship that undermines the authority or effectiveness of the
9 supervision shall not be credited toward the required hours of
10 supervised experience.

11 (g) Except for experience gained by attending workshops,
12 seminars, training sessions, or conferences as described in
13 paragraph (5) of subdivision (a), supervision shall include at least
14 one hour of direct supervisor contact in each week for which
15 experience is credited in each work setting.

16 (1) No more than six hours of supervision, whether individual
17 or group, shall be credited during any single week. This paragraph
18 shall apply to supervision hours gained on or after January 1, 2009.

19 (2) An intern shall receive at least one additional hour of direct
20 supervisor contact for every week in which more than 10 hours of
21 face-to-face psychotherapy is performed in each setting in which
22 experience is gained.

23 (3) For purposes of this section, “one hour of direct supervisor
24 contact” means one hour of face-to-face contact on an individual
25 basis or two hours of face-to-face contact in a group of not more
26 than eight persons in segments lasting no less than one continuous
27 hour.

28 (4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), an intern working in a
29 governmental entity, a school, a college, or a university, or an
30 institution that is both nonprofit and charitable, may obtain the
31 required weekly direct supervisor contact via two-way, real-time
32 videoconferencing. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring
33 that client confidentiality is upheld.

34 (h) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2016.

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