

The following information was shared by the Kansas chapter of NASW on 11-25-2016:

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) is in charge of implementing the Social Worker Practice Act (KSA 65-6301 et al). They have the authority to determine specifics of the law through the Rules and Regulations (KAR 102-2 et al).

Qualifications in Statute

These are qualifications that are set out in the law **KSA 65-6306 (d) (1)**:

- Complete 15 credit hours...supporting diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders....content areas include psychopathology, diagnostic assessment, interdisciplinary referral and collaboration, treatment approaches and professional ethics....
- Complete a graduate level supervised clinical practicum...including psychotherapy and assessment...with not less than 350 hours of direct client contact
- Complete not less than two years of postgraduate supervised professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan approved by the board of not less than 4000 hours of supervised professional experience, including no less than 1500 hours of direct client contact conducting psychotherapy...and not less than 150 hours of clinical supervision, including not less than 75 hours of person-to-person individual supervision
- Passing clinical examination (BSRB uses the ASWB clinical examination)

Qualifications in Rules and Regulations

These are the summary of requirements set out in the Rules and Regulations **KAR 102-2-8**:

- Only an LSCSW can supervise and LMSW toward clinical licensure (other professions are prohibited from providing such supervision)
- The LSCSW clinical supervisor must have no less than two years of licensure as an LSCSW.
- Must meet in person or by videoconferencing at a ratio of minimum one hour for every 20 hours of direct, face-to-face client contact.
- May meet with up to four supervisees in a group supervision format. (No less than half of the hours (75) must be in individual supervision)
- Maintain documentation of supervision (dates met; duration; general topic of discussion)

Clinical Supervision Training Plan [KAR 102-2-8 (6)]

Before any hours of clinical supervision can be counted, the clinical supervision training plan must be pre-approved by the BSRB. Elements of the plan include:

- Job description (must articulate duties that include diagnosis, assessment, treatment etc)
- Supervisory context
- Summary of types of clients and likely situations (as evidenced by job description)
- Supervision goals and objectives and evaluation of attaining goals
- format and schedule of supervision
- supervisor responsibilities
- supervisee responsibilities
- plans for documentation (both supervisor and supervisee)
- plans for documenting 4000 hours, including specifically the 1500 hours of direct client contact
- a plan to remedy circumstances in the event of conflict between supervisor and supervisee
- start date, time frame, termination of supervisory relationship
- the steps to amend or re-negotiate the clinical supervision training plan

Revision to the Clinical Supervision Training Plan [KAR 102-2-8 (7)]

It is okay to amend the training plan, so long that it is submitted to the BSRB for approval.

Supervisee is responsible for submitting any changes to the BSRB within 45 days of such changes.

LSCSW licensure requirements [KAR 102-2-12 (c) 2]

- Complete the requirements in no less than two years and no more than six years
- In addition to the 1500 hours of direct client contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments, an additional 500 hours of providing clinical social work practice services is required. This is a total of 2000 hours.
- Half (75) the clinical supervision hours must be in individual, of which 50 hours must be obtained in person.
- For the remaining 75 hours, videoconferencing is acceptable as long as "confidentiality is technologically protected"
- The clinical supervisor shall submit documentation that enables the board to evaluate the nature, quality, and quantity of the...supervised clinical experience

This series is for information only. If you have questions or if you are advised differently by the BSRB, you must follow what BSRB says. Please refer to the statutes or regulations. Citations are given.

NOTE: As of late October, the Social Work Advisory Committee to the BSRB has recommended making some changes to the preceding requirements. However, that will be process that can take about a year. Until changes are made to the Rules and Regulations, one must follow the current requirements.