

## APPLICABLE RULES – Effective January 3, 2021

### **R4-6-706. Clinical Supervision for Substance Abuse Counselor Licensure**

- A.** During the supervised work experience required under R4-6-705, an applicant for substance abuse counselor licensure shall demonstrate that the applicant received, for the level of licensure sought, at least the number of hours of clinical supervision specified in R4-6-705 that meets the requirements in subsection (B) and R4-6-212.
- B.** The Board shall accept hours of clinical supervision for substance abuse licensure if the focus of the supervised hours relates to substance use disorder and addiction and:
1. At least 50 hours are supervised by:
    - a. An independent substance abuse counselor licensed by the Board; or
    - b. An independently licensed behavioral health professional who:
      - i. Provides evidence of knowledge and experience in substance use disorder treatment; and
      - ii. Is approved by the ARC or designee, and
  2. The remaining hours are supervised by an individual qualified under R4-6-212(A), or
  3. The hours are supervised by an individual for whom an exemption was obtained under R4-6-212.01.

### **R4-6-212.01. Exemptions to the Clinical Supervision Requirements**

The Board shall accept hours of clinical supervision submitted by an applicant if the clinical supervision meets the requirements specified in R4-6-212 and R4-6-404, R4-6-504, R4-6-604, or R4-6-706, as applicable to the license for which application is made, unless an exemption is granted as follows:

1. An individual using supervised work experience acquired in Arizona may apply to the Board for an exemption from the following requirements:
  - a. Qualifications of the clinical supervisor. The Board may grant an exemption to the supervisor qualification requirements in R4-6-212(A) and R4-6-404, R4-6-504, R4-6-604, or R4-6-706, as applicable to the license for which application is made, if the Board determines the behavioral health professional who provided or will provide the clinical supervision has:
    - i. Education, training and experience necessary to provide clinical supervision;
    - ii. Complied with the educational requirements specified in R4-6-214; and
    - iii. An active and unrestricted license issued under A.R.S. Title 32 as a physician under Chapter 13 or 17 with certification in psychiatry or addiction medicine or as a nurse practitioner under Chapter 15 with certification in mental health;
  - b. Employment of clinical supervisor. The Board may grant an exemption to the requirement in R4-6-212(B) regarding employment of the supervisor by the behavioral health entity at which the supervisee obtains hours of clinical supervision if the supervisee provides verification that:
    - i. The supervisor and behavioral health entity have a written contract providing the supervisor the same access to the supervisee's clinical records provided to employees of the behavioral health entity, that is signed and dated by both parties, and
    - ii. Supervisee's clients authorized the release of their clinical records to the supervisor; and
  - c. Discipline-specific changes. The Board may grant an exemption to a requirement in R4-6-404, R4-6-504, R4-6-604, or R4-6-706, as applicable to the license for which application is made, that changed on November 1, 2015, and had the effect of making the clinical supervision previously completed or completed no later than October 31, 2017, non-compliant with the clinical supervision requirements. If the Board grants an exemption under this subsection, the Board shall evaluate the applicant's clinical supervision using the requirements in existence before November 1, 2015.
2. An individual using supervised work experience acquired outside of Arizona may apply to the Board for an exemption from the clinical supervision requirements in R4-6-404, R4-6-504, R4-6-604, or R4-6-706, as applicable to the license for which application is made. The Board may grant an exemption for clinical supervision acquired outside of Arizona if the Board determines that the behavioral health professional providing the supervision met one of the following:
  - a. Complied with the educational requirements specified in R4-6-214,
  - b. Complied with the clinical supervisor requirements of the state in which the supervision occurred, or
  - c. Was approved to provide supervision to the applicant by the state in which the supervision occurred.