

SUBCHAPTER 9. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Section

- 310:405-9-1. Graduate hours and degrees required
- 310:405-9-2. Knowledge area required
- 310:405-7-2.1. Submission of documents
- 310:405-7-3. Negative references

310:405-9-1. Graduate hours and degrees required

(a) Each applicant shall possess at least a master's degree in counseling, or a mental health related graduate degree deemed substantially content-equivalent. All graduate course work applied toward licensure shall be from a regionally accredited college or university recognized by the United States Department of Education. At least sixty (60) semester credit hours or ninety (90) quarter credit hours of graduate counseling-related course work, including internship, shall be earned. In order to be considered acceptable, the graduate degree(s) shall:

- (1) follow a planned, sequenced mental health program of study which is reflected in the university catalog and approved by the governing authority of the college or university.
- (2) include a program whose primary focus is clearly to prepare the applicant for a career in counseling.
- (3) be listed in the college or university catalog, including the core courses from the knowledge areas outlined in 310:405-9-2 (1-7) and include at least five (5) of the sixteen (16) knowledge areas outlined in 310:405-9-2 (8).

[Source: Amended at 13 Ok Reg 2495, eff 6-27-96; Amended at 17 Ok Reg 2935, eff 7-13-00; Amended at 22 Ok Reg 2407, eff 7-11-2005; Amended at 24 Ok Reg 1965, eff 6-25-2007]

310:405-9-2. Knowledge area required

(a) Each applicant shall possess as a part of the required sixty (60) semester credit hours or ninety (90) quarter credit hours of graduate curriculum, one (1) or more courses of at least three (3) semester credit hours or four (4) quarter credit hours per course in each of the following core counseling areas:

- (1) Human growth and development – at least one (1) course which deals with the process stages of human intellectual, physical, social and emotional development of any of the stages of life from prenatal through old age.
- (2) Abnormal human behavior – at least one (1) course which offers a study of the principles of understanding dysfunction in human behavior or social disorganization.
- (3) Appraisal/assessment techniques – at least two (2) courses which deal with the principles, concepts and procedures of systematic appraisal, assessment, or interpretation of client needs, abilities, and characteristics, which may include the use of both testing and non-testing approaches.
- (4) Counseling theories/methods – at least two (2) courses which survey the major theories and/or techniques of counseling.
- (5) Professional orientation/ethics – at least one (1) course which deals primarily with the objectives of professional counseling organizations, codes of ethics, legal aspects of practice, standards of preparation and the role of persons providing direct counseling services.
- (6) Research – at least one (1) course in the methods of social science or mental health research which includes the study of statistics or a thesis project in an area relevant to the practice of counseling.
- (7) Practicum/internship – at least one (1) course of an organized practicum with at least three hundred (300) clock hours in counseling with planned experiences providing classroom and field experience with clients under the supervision of college or university approved counseling professionals.
- (8) Knowledge areas – at least five (5) courses of at least three (3) semester credit hours or four (4) quarter credit hours each from the knowledge areas listed below.

- (A) Group dynamics
- (B) Life style and career development
- (C) Social and cultural foundations
- (D) Personality theories
- (E) Crisis intervention
- (F) Marriage/family counseling
- (G) Addictions counseling
- (H) Rehabilitation counseling
- (I) Gerontology
- (J) Human sexuality
- (K) Counseling with children/adolescents

- (L) Clinical supervision
- (M) Psychopharmacology
- (N) Consultation
- (O) Physical and Emotional Health
- (P) Specialty areas when established

(b) **Remaining courses.** Effective January 1, 2000, the remaining courses needed to meet the sixty (60) semester or ninety (90) quarter graduate-hour requirement shall be in any of the knowledge areas listed in 310:405-9-2(a) and may be in increments of one (1), two (2) or three (3) semester hour courses or one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) quarter hour courses.

[**Source:** Amended at 13 Ok Reg 2495, eff 6-27-96; Amended at 17 Ok Reg 2935, eff 7-13-00; Amended at 22 Ok Reg 2407, eff 7-11-2005; Amended at 23 Ok Reg 2380, eff 6-25-2006; Amended at 24 Ok Reg 1965, eff 6-25-2007]