CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS BOARD

Terminology change

- Replaces the term "chemical dependency" with "substance use disorder."

Applications

- Requires applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement from the Board to submit an application in the manner the Board prescribes.

Discipline

- Permits the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board to discipline an individual credentialed by the Board for an inability to practice due to mental illness or physical illness.
- Permits the Board to discipline an individual credentialed by the Board for conviction in another jurisdiction of either a felony or misdemeanors committed in the course of practice.

Internships, practicums, and work experience

- Permits the Board to require internships or practicums as a condition of licensure, certification, or endorsement, instead of preceptorships as specified by current law.

Alternative pathways to licensure

- Eliminates pathways to licensure that require the professional to hold formerly accepted credentials on December 23, 2002.
- Eliminates a pathway to licensure as a chemical dependency counselor II that requires a professional to have held a certificate as a chemical dependency counselor assistant since 2008 and meet other requirements.
- Eliminates a pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor for applicants who held a license on March 22, 2013, under which an applicant is not required to pay a fee or comply with other licensure requirements.

Codes of ethics

- Requires the codes of ethics adopted by the Board to prohibit engaging in multiple relationships with clients.
- Expands specific requirements for the development of codes of ethics to apply to all professionals credentialed by the Board.

Board membership

- Eliminates requirements that (1) not more than half of the Board be of the same gender and (2) at least two voting members be of African, Native American, Hispanic, or Asian descent.

Chemical dependency counselor I license

- Eliminates obsolete references to the chemical dependency counselor I license, for which initial licensure was eliminated in 2002 and renewals ceased in 2008.

Eliminated requirements

- Eliminates a requirement that each license or certificate include the Board's address and telephone number.
- Eliminates a requirement that a holder of a license, certificate, or endorsement issued by the Board prominently post that license, certificate, or endorsement at the holder's place of employment.

Terminology change

(R.C. 4758.01; conforming changes in R.C. 4757.41, 4758.02, 4758.03, 4758.10, 4758.13, 4758.20, 4758.22, 4758.221, 4758.23, 4758.30, 4758.31, 4758.36, 4758.39, 4758.40, 4758.41, 4758.42, 4758.43, 4758.52, 4758.54, 4758.55, 4758.56, 4758.57, and 4758.59)

The act replaces the term "chemical dependency" with "substance use disorder" throughout R.C. Chapter 4758, but retains the name of all chemical dependency counselors and the Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) Board.

Applications

(R.C. 4758.35)

The act removes a requirement that an application for licensure, certification, or endorsement by the CDP Board be written, instead requiring it to be submitted in a manner the Board prescribes.

Discipline

(R.C. 4758.20 and 4758.30)

The act specifies that the Board may impose discipline on an individual credentialed by the Board if the individual is unable to practice by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills. Previously, the Board could discipline an individual if that individual was unable to practice due to a physical or mental condition.

Continuing law permits the Board to discipline a professional for conviction in Ohio or any other state of a crime that is either a felony in Ohio or a misdemeanor that is committed in the course of practice. The act extends this to include conviction in any other jurisdiction.

Internships, practicums, and work experience

(R.C. 4758.20)

The act permits the CDP Board to require internships and practicums as a condition of licensure, certification, or endorsement, in place of preceptorships under former law.

Alternative pathways to licensure

(R.C. 4758.241, repealed, 4758.40, 4758.41, 4758.42, 4758.43, 4758.44, and 4758.45)

The act removes a pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor, chemical dependency counselor III, chemical dependency counselor II, prevention consultant, or prevention specialist, or certification as a chemical dependency counselor assistant, if the professional held a license or certification on December 23, 2002, and, for independent chemical dependency counselors and chemical dependency counselors III, met additional requirements.

The act also removes a pathway to licensure as a chemical dependency counselor II for professionals who continuously held a chemical dependency counselor assistant certificate and practiced under supervision since December 31, 2008, provided a written recommendation from a supervisor, received Board-approved training, and passed a chemical dependency counselor II license exam.

Finally, the act removes an alternative pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor. Previously, an applicant who held an independent chemical dependency counselor license on March 22, 2013, could receive an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor license without paying a license fee or meeting additional requirements for that license.

Codes of ethics

(R.C. 4758.23)

The CDP Board is required to establish codes of ethical practice and professional conduct for the professionals it licenses, certifies, and endorses. Former law required the codes for chemical dependency counselors to define unprofessional conduct, including engaging in a dual relationship with a client, former client, consumer, or former consumer. The act expands the requirements regarding unprofessional conduct to all professionals credentialed by the Board, and instead of prohibiting engaging in a dual relationship, the codes must prohibit engaging in multiple relationships with a person being served.

Board membership

(R.C. 4758.10)

The act eliminates law requiring no more than half of the voting members of the CDP Board to be of the same gender and at least two of the members to be of African, Native American, Hispanic, or Asian descent. It retains a requirement that no more than half of the voting members may be from the same political party.

Chemical dependency counselor I license

(R.C. 4758.02, 4758.24, and 4758.27)

The chemical dependency counselor I license was eliminated in 2002. People who were licensed as a chemical dependency counselor I in 2002 were permitted to keep practicing under

that license for a limited time, but renewals ceased in 2008. The act eliminates remaining references to theses licenses from statute.

Eliminated requirements

(R.C. 4758.18, and 4758.50, repealed)

The act eliminates a requirement that the CDP Board include the Board's address and telephone number on each license or certificate it issues. It also eliminates a requirement that a holder of a license, certificate, or endorsement issued by the Board prominently post that license, certificate, or endorsement at the holder's place of employment.