
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 bill replaces the term "chemical dependency" with "substance use disorder" throughout R.C. Chapter 4758 although the terminology used in referring to chemical dependency/substance use disorder is modified, the bill retains the name of all chemical dependency counselors and the Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) Board.

Applications

(R.C. 4758.35)

Applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement by the CDP Board must currently submit a written application to the Board. The bill removes the requirement that the application be written, instead requiring it to be submitted in a manner the Board prescribes.

Discipline

(R.C. 4758.20 and 4758.30)

Current law permits the Board to discipline an individual credentialed by the Board if that individual is unable to practice due to a physical or mental condition. The bill instead specifies that the Board may impose discipline if an individual is unable to practice by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills.

The Board may currently 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 bill extends this to include conviction in any other jurisdiction.

Internships, practicums, and work experience

(R.C. 4758.20)

Current law permits the CDP Board to require preceptorships as a condition of licensure, certification, or endorsement. The bill instead permits the Board to require internships and practicums.

Alternative pathways to licensure

(R.C. 4758.241, repealed, 4758.40, 4758.41, 4758.42, 4758.43, 4758.44, and 4758.45)

Current law permits 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. To qualify for licensure through this pathway, independent chemical dependency counselors and chemical dependency counselors III must also hold a Board-approved degree and complete at least 40 hours of training on the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The bill removes this pathway to licensure for all of the aforementioned professionals credentialed by the CDP Board.

The bill also removes a pathway to licensure as a chemical dependency counselor II for professionals who have 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 bill removes an alternative pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor. Currently, an applicant who held an independent chemical dependency counselor license on March 22, 2013, may 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 currently required to establish codes of ethical practice and professional conduct for the professionals it licenses, certifies, and endorses. Current law requires 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 bill 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)

Current law specifies that no more than half of the voting members of the CDP Board may be of the same gender or members of the same political party. At least two voting members are

required to be of African, Native American, Hispanic, or Asian descent. The bill removes the gender and racial Board composition requirements but retains the 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 bill eliminates remaining references to these licenses from statute.

Eliminated requirements

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

The bill 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.