

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis (Part A)**Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board**

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Rule Number

AMENDMENT

TYPE of rule filing

Rule Title/Tag Line

**Education requirements for admission to the examination for
professional counselor.****RULE SUMMARY**

1. Is the rule being filed consistent with the requirements of the RC 119.032 review? **No**

2. Are you proposing this rule as a result of recent legislation? **Yes**

Bill Number: **HB232**General Assembly: **130**Sponsor: **Rep. Sears**

3. Statute prescribing the procedure in accordance with the agency is required to adopt the rule: **119.03**

4. Statute(s) authorizing agency to adopt the rule: **4757.10, 4757.23**

5. Statute(s) the rule, as filed, amplifies or implements: **4757.23**

6. State the reason(s) for proposing (i.e., why are you filing,) this rule:

Implementing rule changes based on HB-232

7. If the rule is an AMENDMENT, then summarize the changes and the content of the proposed rule; If the rule type is RESCISSION, NEW or NO CHANGE,

then summarize the content of the rule:

Significant changes to the education requirements that specific Council on Accreditation for Counseling and Related Educational Programs, "CACREP", accredited degree programs automatically are accepted as meeting licensed professional counselor education qualifications. Further, all Ohio mental health counseling programs have to be CACREP clinical mental health accredited by 1/1/2018 for their students to meet licensure education requirements. Also, deletes the requirement for non-CACREP accredited degrees to have 20 semester hours in specified clinical courses, but clinical coursework is still required without specifying the number of hours.

8. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is **generally available** to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, provide an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons:

This response left blank because filer specified online that the rule does not incorporate a text or other material by reference.

9. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible:

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10. If the rule is being **rescinded** and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible:

Not Applicable.

11. If **revising** or **refiling** this rule, identify changes made from the previously filed version of this rule; if none, please state so. If applicable, indicate each specific paragraph of the rule that has been modified:

Not Applicable.

12. 119.032 Rule Review Date: 12/17/2017

(If the rule is not exempt and you answered NO to question No. 1, provide the scheduled review date. If you answered YES to No. 1, the review date for this rule is the filing date.)

NOTE: If the rule is not exempt at the time of final filing, two dates are required: the current review date plus a date not to exceed 5 years from the effective date for Amended rules or a date not to exceed 5 years from the review date for No Change rules.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

13. Estimate the total amount by which *this proposed rule* would **increase / decrease** either **revenues / expenditures** for the agency during the current biennium (in dollars): Explain the net impact of the proposed changes to the budget of your agency/department.

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not applicable

14. Identify the appropriation (by line item etc.) that authorizes each expenditure necessitated by the proposed rule:

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15. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons. When appropriate, please include the source for your information/estimated costs, e.g. industry, CFR, internal/agency:

Licensure fees are \$60 for licensed professional counselors per rule 4757-1-05 of the Administrative Code. A master's degree can cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$75,000 depending on the school attended based on tuition costs. The licensure exam for licensed professional counselors is \$180 per contract with the provider. The cost for the criminal records check is \$22 for the BCI and \$24 for the FBI, plus a processing fee that may be charged by the entity processing the fingerprints. Out-of-state non-CACREP graduates may have to take additional coursework in order to meet the requirements for licensure, which can be from three to twelve semester hours with costs of \$450 to \$750 per credit hour as well as lost income due to inability to practice until licensed.

16. Does this rule have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations? **No**

17. Does this rule deal with environmental protection or contain a component dealing with environmental protection as defined in R. C. 121.39? **No**

S.B. 2 (129th General Assembly) Questions

18. Has this rule been filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office pursuant to R.C. 121.82? **Yes**

19. Specific to this rule, answer the following:

A.) Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? **No**

No, this rule specifies the educational requirements to qualify as a licensed professional counselor.

B.) Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? **No**

No, but a degree that does not include all of the requirements of the rule may require an applicant to take additional coursework at significant cost.

C.) Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? **No**

No, it is focused on degree and coursework requirements.