

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1562

By: Helton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1902, which relates to
licensed professional counselors; clarifying title;
and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1902, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1902. For the purpose of the Licensed Professional
Counselors Act:

1. "Licensed professional counselor" or "LPC" means any person
who offers professional counseling services for compensation to any
person and is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Licensed
Professional Counselors Act. The term shall not include those
professions exempted by Section 1903 of this title;

2. "Board" means the State Board of Health;

3. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

4. "Advisory Board" means the Oklahoma Licensed Professional
Counselors Advisory Board appointed by the State Commissioner of
Health;

5. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;

6. "Counseling" means the application of mental health and
developmental principles in order to:

- a. facilitate human development and adjustment throughout
the life span,

- b. prevent, diagnose or treat mental, emotional or behavioral disorders or associated distress which interfere with mental health,
- c. conduct assessments or diagnoses for the purpose of establishing treatment goals and objectives, and
- d. plan, implement or evaluate treatment plans using counseling treatment interventions;

7. "Counseling treatment interventions" means the application of cognitive, affective, behavioral and systemic counseling strategies which include principles of development, wellness, and pathology that reflect a pluralistic society. Such interventions are specifically implemented in the context of a professional counseling relationship;

8. "Consulting" means interpreting or reporting scientific fact or theory in counseling to provide assistance in solving current or potential problems of individuals, groups or organizations;

9. "Referral activities" means the evaluating of data to identify problems and to determine the advisability of referral to other specialists;

10. "Research activities" means reporting, designing, conducting or consulting on research in counseling;

11. "Specialty" means the designation of a subarea of counseling practice that is recognized by a national certification agency or by the Board;

12. "Supervisor" means a person who meets the requirements established by the Board and who is licensed pursuant to the Licensed Professional Counselors Act; and

13. "Licensed professional counselor candidate" means a person whose application for licensure has been accepted and who is under supervision for licensure as provided in Section 1906 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

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