

1                   **MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

2                                   **AMENDMENTS**

3   2015 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy**

6   Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This bill amends provisions for externship licenses issued by the Division of  
11   Occupational and Professional Licensing.

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13           This bill:

14           ▶ amends provisions for an externship license issued under the Social Worker  
15   Licensing Act, the Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act, or the Clinical  
16   Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act.

17   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18           None

19   **Other Special Clauses:**

20           None

21   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22   AMENDS:

23           **58-60-117**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 179

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25   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26           Section 1. Section **58-60-117** is amended to read:

27           **58-60-117. Externship licenses.**

28           (1) The division shall issue a temporary license under Part 2, Social Worker Licensing  
29   Act, Part 3, Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act, or Part 4, Clinical Mental Health

30 Counselor Licensing Act, of this chapter to a person who:

31 (a) submits an application for licensure under Part 2, Social Worker Licensing Act,  
32 Part 3, Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act, or Part 4, Clinical Mental Health  
33 Counselor Licensing Act;

34 (b) pays a fee determined by the department under Section [63J-1-504](#);

35 (c) holds an earned doctoral degree or master's degree in a discipline that is a  
36 prerequisite for practice as a mental health therapist;

37 (d) has [~~one or more deficiencies~~] a deficiency, as defined by division rule, in course  
38 work[~~, experience, or training~~];

39 (e) provides mental health therapy as an employee of a public or private organization,  
40 which provides mental health therapy, while under the supervision of a person licensed under  
41 this chapter; and

42 (f) is of good moral character and has no disciplinary action pending or in effect  
43 against the applicant in connection with the practice of mental health therapy, in any  
44 jurisdiction.

45 (2) A temporary license issued under this section shall expire upon the earlier of:

46 (a) issuance of the license applied for; or

47 (b) three years from the date the temporary license was issued.

48 (3) The temporary license issued under this section is an externship license.