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### **Guidance for Clinical Professional Counselors in Training**

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”), Division of Professional Regulation (the “Division”) is issuing the following Guidance for Clinical Professional Counselors in training. The Department will not consider a Clinical Professional Counselor in training who is practicing under the supervision of a qualified clinical supervisor during the time between applying for licensure and receiving licensure as violating the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Practice Act, 225 ILCS 107/1, (the “Act”) or its Administrative Rules, 68 Ill. Admin. Code 1375.

Clinical Professional Counselor in training experience:

- Clinical Professional Counselors in training awaiting licensure are authorized to continue practicing so long as the applicant is not engaged in the independent practice of clinical professional counseling as defined in the Act, and is in compliance with all applicable regulations regarding supervision including, but not limited to, the requirement that the supervised experience must be under the order, control, and full professional responsibility of their supervisor under the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Practice Act, 225 ILCS 107/15(b-5).
- The applicant is only authorized to practice under the supervision of a qualified clinical supervisor under the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Practice Act, 225 ILCS 107/10 and the Administrative Rules, 68 Ill. Admin. Code 1375.130.
- No person shall, without a valid license as a Clinical Professional Counselor issued by the Department in any manner hold himself or herself out to the public as a Clinical Professional Counselor or attach the title “Clinical Professional Counselor” or offer to render to individuals, corporations, or the public clinical professional counseling services under the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Practice Act, 225 ILCS 107/20 (b).