In accordance with its authority pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.08(1), (2), and (3), the Board of Professional Counseling (Board) hereby adopts this policy interpreting the license endorsement provision enumerated at D.C. Official Code § 3-1207.10(c).

D.C. Official Code § 3-1207.10 provides:

(c) The Board of Professional Counseling shall license, by endorsement, a professional counselor who, in addition to meeting the requirements of § 3-1205.01 et seq., is currently licensed in another state and meets the American Association of State Counseling Boards Tier II requirements, which consist of:

(1) Completion of at least 60 hours of postgraduate education leading to a Master's degree in counseling or a related field obtained from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

(2) Supervision by another person, which shall consist of at least 2 years of post-Master's counseling experience with a minimum of 4,000 hours;

(3) Having 2,500 hours of direct client contact within the 4,000 hours;

(4) A minimum of 100 hours of clinical supervision, post-Master's, of which 50 hours may be in group supervision; and

(5) Five years of post-licensure experience in clinical counseling at the independent level.

Recognizing that some endorsement applicants may not be able to produce documentation verifying details of their post-graduate counseling practice or specific number of direct client
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contact or clinical supervision hours, the Board hereby adopts the interpretation and policy that an endorsement applicant who establishes that he or she meets the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 5 of this subsection shall be deemed to meet the requirements of subparagraphs 2, 3, and 4 as well. Accordingly, an endorsement applicant must provide documentation of possessing a Master’s degree in counseling or a related field from an accredited institution and five (5) years of independent professional counseling practice with a licensure in good standing.

All inquiries pertaining to the practice of professional counseling, including the CE requirements, may be directed to the Board at debopc@dc.gov.