



Behavioral Health

PRE-LICENSED AMFT/ASW/APCC STATEMENT OF AWARENESS OF NEED TO OBTAIN LICENSURE FOR EMPLOYMENT

San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) offers employment as pre-licensed clinical therapists to persons who have not yet received a professional license in the State of California. It is understood in these cases that employment is conditioned upon continuously remaining registered and in good standing with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) and working toward licensure. Additionally, recent college graduates understand that employment is conditioned on obtaining board registration by commencement of employment. Pre-licensed clinical therapists (with the exception of out of state license-ready AMFTs/ASWs/APCCs who are waived by the CA Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)) are required to maintain registered status with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS).

I understand as a pre-licensed clinical therapist the timeframe to obtain licensure is from the original date the first registration was issued, original registration number _____ and issuance date _____, not the beginning date of employment with DBH nor any other date. If I, as the pre-licensed clinical therapist, failed to disclose other registration numbers that existed, employment may be terminated for failing to disclose as stipulated in DBH policy HR4012 Registration and Licensure Requirements for Pre-Licensed Providers (ASW, AMFT, APCC).

I understand as a pre-licensed clinical therapist and DBH employee, I will remain in trainee status until a professional license is obtained. Trainee status is comparable to probationary status, and means that my employment can be terminated without the right to appeal. When I obtain licensure, I will be eligible for promotion to Clinical Therapist I and will serve the standard probationary period of 1600 service hours in this position. I understand employment may be terminated during this probationary period without right to appeal.

If I am unable to obtain licensure within six (6) years of the issuance date of my first registration, I will maintain registered status by requesting a second registration number with the BBS and an extension must be requested and granted by DBH. Approval will be determined by the DBH Director on a case-by-case basis.

I have read and understood the above. In particular, I am aware that I must actively pursue licensure while employed as a Pre-Licensed Clinical Therapist. If I am a recent college graduate, I understand BBS registration must occur before beginning employment with DBH. Additionally, employment may be terminated if I do not obtain licensure within the time frame established by Department of Behavioral Health policy.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

c: Program Manager
DBH Compliance
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Employee