1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Department of Health; amending
3	s. 381.0045, F.S.; revising the purpose of the
4	department's targeted outreach program for certain
5	pregnant women; requiring the department to encourage
6	high-risk pregnant women of unknown status to be
7	tested for sexually transmissible diseases; requiring
8	the department to provide specified information to
9	pregnant women who have human immunodeficiency virus
10	(HIV); requiring the department to link women with
11	mental health services when available; requiring the
12	department to educate pregnant women who have HIV on
13	certain information; requiring the department to
14	provide, for a specified purpose, continued oversight
15	of newborns exposed to HIV; amending s. 460.406, F.S.;
16	revising provisions related to chiropractic physician
17	licensing; amending s. 464.018, F.S.; revising grounds
18	for disciplinary action against licensed nurses;
19	amending s. 467.003, F.S.; revising and defining
20	terms; amending s. 467.009, F.S.; revising provisions
21	related to approved midwifery programs; amending s.
22	467.011, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
23	licensure of midwives; amending s. 467.0125, F.S.;
24	revising provisions relating to licensure by
25	endorsement of midwives; revising requirements for
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26 temporary certificates to practice midwifery in this 27 state; amending s. 467.205, F.S.; revising provisions 28 relating to approval, continued monitoring, 29 probationary status, provisional approval, and 30 approval rescission of midwifery programs; amending s. 31 468.803, F.S.; revising provisions related to 32 orthotist and prosthetist registration, examination, 33 and licensing; amending 483.824, F.S.; revising educational requirements for clinical laboratory 34 directors; amending s. 490.003, F.S.; defining the 35 36 terms "doctoral degree from an American Psychological 37 Association accredited program" and "doctoral degree in psychology"; amending ss. 490.005 and 490.0051, 38 39 F.S.; revising education requirements for psychologist licensing and provisional licensing, respectively; 40 amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising licensing 41 42 requirements for clinical social workers, marriage and 43 family therapists, and mental health counselors; 44 providing an effective date. 45 46 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 47 48 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 381.0045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 49 50 381.0045 Targeted outreach for pregnant women.-

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51 (2)It is the purpose of this section to establish a 52 targeted outreach program for high-risk pregnant women who may 53 not seek proper prenatal care, who suffer from substance abuse 54 or mental health problems, or who have are infected with human 55 immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and to provide these women with 56 links to much needed services and information. 57 (3) The department shall: 58 Conduct outreach programs through contracts with, (a) grants to, or other working relationships with persons or 59 60 entities where the target population is likely to be found. Provide outreach that is peer-based, culturally 61 (b) 62 sensitive, and performed in a nonjudgmental manner. Encourage high-risk pregnant women of unknown status 63 (C) to be tested for HIV and other sexually transmissible diseases 64 as specified by department rule. 65 Educate women not receiving prenatal care as to the 66 (d) 67 benefits of such care. 68 (e) Provide HIV-infected pregnant women who have HIV with 69 information on the need for antiretroviral medication for their 70 newborn, their medication options, and how they can access the medication after their discharge from the hospital so they can 71 72 make an informed decision about the use of Zidovudine (AZT). 73 (f) Link women with substance abuse treatment and mental 74 health services, when available, and act as a liaison with 75 Healthy Start coalitions, children's medical services, Ryan Page 3 of 41

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77 Health. 78 Educate pregnant women who have HIV on the importance (q) 79 of engaging in and continuing HIV care. 80 Provide continued oversight of to HIV-exposed newborns (h) 81 exposed to HIV to determine the newborn's final HIV status and 82 ensure continued linkage to care if the newborn is diagnosed 83 with HIV. Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 460.406, Florida 84 85 Statutes, is amended to read: 86 460.406 Licensure by examination.-87 Any person desiring to be licensed as a chiropractic (1)88 physician must apply to the department to take the licensure 89 examination. There shall be an application fee set by the board not to exceed \$100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall 90 also be an examination fee not to exceed \$500 plus the actual 91 92 per applicant cost to the department for purchase of portions of 93 the examination from the National Board of Chiropractic 94 Examiners or a similar national organization, which may be 95 refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the 96 examination. The department shall examine each applicant who the board certifies has met all of the following criteria: 97 98 (a) Completed the application form and remitted the appropriate fee. 99 100 Submitted proof satisfactory to the department that he (b)

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101 or she is not less than 18 years of age.

Submitted proof satisfactory to the department that he 102 (C) 103 or she is a graduate of a chiropractic college which is 104 accredited by or has status with the Council on Chiropractic 105 Education or its predecessor agency. However, any applicant who is a graduate of a chiropractic college that was initially 106 107 accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education in 1995, who 108 graduated from such college within the 4 years immediately preceding such accreditation, and who is otherwise qualified is 109 shall be eligible to take the examination. An No application for 110 a license to practice chiropractic medicine may not shall be 111 denied solely because the applicant is a graduate of a 112 chiropractic college that subscribes to one philosophy of 113 114 chiropractic medicine as distinguished from another.

115 (d)1. For an applicant who has matriculated in a chiropractic college before prior to July 2, 1990, completed at 116 117 least 2 years of residence college work, consisting of a minimum 118 of one-half the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree granted 119 on the basis of a 4-year period of study, in a college or university accredited by an institutional accrediting agency 120 121 recognized and approved by the United States Department of 122 Education. However, before prior to being certified by the board to sit for the examination, each applicant who has matriculated 123 in a chiropractic college after July 1, 1990, must shall have 124 125 been granted a bachelor's degree, based upon 4 academic years of

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126 study, by a college or university accredited by <u>an institutional</u> 127 <u>a regional</u> accrediting agency which is a member of the 128 Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

129 Effective July 1, 2000, completed, before prior to 2. 130 matriculation in a chiropractic college, at least 3 years of 131 residence college work, consisting of a minimum of 90 semester 132 hours leading to a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts college 133 or university accredited by an institutional accrediting agency 134 recognized and approved by the United States Department of 135 Education. However, before prior to being certified by the board to sit for the examination, each applicant who has matriculated 136 in a chiropractic college after July 1, 2000, must shall have 137 been granted a bachelor's degree from an institution holding 138 139 accreditation for that degree from an institutional a regional 140 accrediting agency which is recognized by the United States Department of Education. The applicant's chiropractic degree 141 142 must consist of credits earned in the chiropractic program and 143 may not include academic credit for courses from the bachelor's 144 degree.

(e) Successfully completed the National Board of
Chiropractic Examiners certification examination in parts I, II,
III, and IV, and the physiotherapy examination of the National
Board of Chiropractic Examiners, with a score approved by the
board.

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(f) Submitted to the department a set of fingerprints on a

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151 form and under procedures specified by the department, along 152 with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the 153 Department of Health for the criminal background check of the 154 applicant.

The board may require an applicant who graduated from an institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education more than 10 years before the date of application to the board to take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic, or its equivalent, as determined by the board. The board shall establish by rule a passing score.

Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 464.018, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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464.018 Disciplinary actions.-

(1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a license or disciplinary action, as specified in ss. 456.072(2) and 464.0095:

(e) Having been found guilty of, regardless of
adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to,
regardless of adjudication, any offense prohibited under s.
435.04 or similar statute of another jurisdiction; or having
committed an act which constitutes domestic violence as defined
in s. 741.28.

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Section 4. Present subsections (13) and (14) of section

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176 467.003, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (14) 177 and (15), respectively, a new subsection (13) is added to that 178 section, and subsections (1) and (12) of that section are 179 amended, to read:

180 467.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, unless the 181 context otherwise requires:

(1) "Approved <u>midwifery</u> program" means a <u>midwifery school</u>
or a midwifery training program <u>that</u> which is approved by the
department pursuant to s. 467.205.

(12) "Preceptor" means a physician <u>licensed under chapter</u> <u>458 or chapter 459</u>, a <del>licensed</del> midwife <u>licensed under this</u> <u>chapter</u>, or a certified nurse midwife <u>licensed under chapter</u> <u>464</u>, who has a minimum of 3 years' professional experience, and who directs, teaches, supervises, and evaluates the learning experiences of <u>a the</u> student midwife <u>as part of an approved</u> midwifery program.

192 (13) "Prelicensure course" means a course of study, 193 offered by an approved midwifery program and approved by the 194 department, which an applicant for licensure must complete 195 before a license may be issued and which provides instruction in 196 the laws and rules of this state and demonstrates the student's 197 competency to practice midwifery under this chapter.

198Section 5. Section 467.009, Florida Statutes, is amended199to read:

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467.009 Approved midwifery programs; education and

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training requirements
(1) The department shall adopt standards for approved
midwifery programs which must include, but need not be limited
to, standards for all of the following:
(a) . The standards shall encompass Clinical and classroom
instruction in all aspects of prenatal, intrapartal, and
postpartal care, including <u>all of the following:</u>
<u>1.</u> Obstetrics <u>.</u> ;
<u>2.</u> Neonatal pediatrics <u>.</u> ;
<u>3.</u> Basic sciences <u>.</u> ;
<u>4.</u> Female reproductive anatomy and physiology. $+$
<u>5.</u> Behavioral sciences <u>.</u> ;
<u>6.</u> Childbirth education <u>.</u> +
7. Community care.+
<u>8.</u> Epidemiology <u>.</u> +
9. Genetics.+
<u>10.</u> Embryology <u>.</u> ;
<u>11.</u> Neonatology <u>.</u> ;
<u>12.</u> Applied pharmacology <u>.</u> ;
<u>13.</u> The medical and legal aspects of midwifery. $\cdot$
<u>14.</u> Gynecology and women's health <u>.</u> ;
<u>15.</u> Family planning <u>.</u> ;
<u>16.</u> Nutrition during pregnancy and lactation. $\cdot$
<u>17.</u> Breastfeeding <u>.; and</u>
18. Basic nursing skills; and any other instruction
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226 determined by the department and council to be necessary. 227 The standards shall incorporate the Core competencies, (b) 228 incorporating those established by the American College of Nurse 229 Midwives and the Midwives Alliance of North America, including 230 knowledge, skills, and professional behavior in all of the 231 following areas: 232 1. Primary management, collaborative management, referral, 233 and medical consultation.+ 2. Antepartal, intrapartal, postpartal, and neonatal 234 care.<del>;</del> 235 3. Family planning and gynecological care.+ 236 237 4. Common complications.; and 5. Professional responsibilities. 238 239 (c) Noncurricular The standards shall include 240 noncurriculum matters under this section, including, but not 241 limited to, staffing and teacher qualifications. 242 (2) An approved midwifery program must offer shall include a course of study and clinical training for a minimum of 3 years 243 244 which incorporates all of the standards, curriculum guidelines, 245 and educational objectives provided in this section and the 246 rules adopted hereunder. (3) An approved midwifery program may reduce If the 247 applicant is a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse or 248 249 has previous nursing or midwifery education, the required period 250 of training may be reduced to the extent of the student's Page 10 of 41

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251	applicant's qualifications as a registered nurse or licensed
252	practical nurse or based on prior completion of equivalent
253	nursing or midwifery education, as determined under rules
254	adopted by the department <u>rule</u> . In no case shall the training be
255	reduced to a period of less than 2 years.
256	(4) (3) An approved midwifery program may accept students
257	who To be accepted into an approved midwifery program, an
258	applicant shall have both:
259	(a) A high school diploma or its equivalent.
260	(b) Taken three college-level credits each of math and
261	English or demonstrated competencies in communication and
262	computation.
263	(5) (4) As part of its course of study, an approved
264	midwifery program must require clinical training that includes
265	all of the following:
266	(a) A student midwife, during training, shall undertake,
267	under the supervision of a preceptor, The care of 50 women in
268	each of the prenatal, intrapartal, and postpartal periods <u>under</u>
269	the supervision of a preceptor., but The same women need not be
270	seen through all three periods.
271	<u>(b)</u> (5) Observation of The student midwife shall observe an
272	additional 25 women in the intrapartal period <del>before qualifying</del>
273	for a license.
274	(6) <u>Clinical</u> The training required under this section <u>must</u>
275	include all of the following:

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276 <u>(a)</u> shall include Training in either hospitals, or 277 alternative birth settings, or both.

(b) A requirement that students demonstrate competency in
 the assessment of and differentiation, with particular emphasis
 on learning the ability to differentiate between low-risk
 pregnancies and high-risk pregnancies.

282 (7) A hospital or birthing center receiving public funds 283 shall be required to provide student midwives access to observe 284 labor, delivery, and postpartal procedures, provided the woman 285 in labor has given informed consent. The Department of Health 286 shall assist in facilitating access to hospital training for 287 approved midwifery programs.

288 <u>(8)(7)</u> The Department of Education shall adopt curricular 289 frameworks for midwifery programs conducted within public 290 educational institutions <u>under</u> <del>pursuant to</del> this section.

291 (8) Nonpublic educational institutions that conduct 292 approved midwifery programs shall be accredited by a member of 293 the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and 294 shall be licensed by the Commission for Independent Education.

295 Section 6. Section 467.011, Florida Statutes, is amended 296 to read:

297 467.011 <u>Licensed midwives; qualifications; examination</u> 298 Licensure by examination.-

299 (1) The department shall administer an examination to test
 300 the proficiency of applicants in the core competencies required

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301	to practice midwifery as specified in s. 467.009.
302	(2) The department shall develop, publish, and make
303	available to interested parties at a reasonable cost a
304	bibliography and guide for the examination.
305	<del>(3)</del> The department shall issue a license to practice
306	midwifery to an applicant who meets all of the following
307	criteria:
308	(1) Demonstrates that he or she has graduated from one of
309	the following:
310	<u>(a)</u> An approved midwifery program <u>.</u>
311	(b) A medical or midwifery program offered in another
312	state, jurisdiction, territory, or country whose graduation
313	requirements were equivalent to or exceeded those required by s.
~ 1 4	467.009 and the rules adopted thereunder at the time of
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314 315	graduation.
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315 316	graduation. (2) Demonstrates that he or she has and successfully
315 316 317	graduation. (2) Demonstrates that he or she has and successfully completed a prelicensure course offered by an approved midwifery
315 316 317 318	<u>graduation.</u> <u>(2)</u> Demonstrates that he or she has and successfully completed <u>a prelicensure course offered by an approved midwifery</u> <u>program. Students graduating from an approved midwifery program</u>
315 316 317 318 319	<u>graduation.</u> <u>(2)</u> Demonstrates that he or she has and successfully completed a prelicensure course offered by an approved midwifery program. Students graduating from an approved midwifery program may meet this requirement by showing that the content
315 316 317 318 319 320	<u>graduation.</u> <u>(2)</u> Demonstrates that he or she has and successfully completed a prelicensure course offered by an approved midwifery program. Students graduating from an approved midwifery program may meet this requirement by showing that the content requirements for the prelicensure course were covered as part of
<ul> <li>315</li> <li>316</li> <li>317</li> <li>318</li> <li>319</li> <li>320</li> <li>321</li> </ul>	<u>graduation.</u> <u>(2)</u> Demonstrates that he or she has and successfully completed a prelicensure course offered by an approved midwifery program. Students graduating from an approved midwifery program may meet this requirement by showing that the content requirements for the prelicensure course were covered as part of their course of study.
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<ul> <li>315</li> <li>316</li> <li>317</li> <li>318</li> <li>319</li> <li>320</li> <li>321</li> <li>322</li> <li>323</li> </ul>	<u>graduation.</u> (2) Demonstrates that he or she has and successfully completed a prelicensure course offered by an approved midwifery program. Students graduating from an approved midwifery program may meet this requirement by showing that the content requirements for the prelicensure course were covered as part of their course of study. (3) Submits an application for licensure on a form approved by the department and pays the appropriate fee.

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326 payment of the required licensure fee. 327 Section 7. Section 467.0125, Florida Statutes, is amended 328 to read: 329 467.0125 Licensed midwives; qualifications; Licensure by 330 endorsement; temporary certificates.-331 The department shall issue a license by endorsement to (1)332 practice midwifery to an applicant who, upon applying to the 333 department, demonstrates to the department that she or he meets 334 all of the following criteria: 335 (a) 1. Holds a valid certificate or diploma from a foreign 336 institution of medicine or midwifery or from a midwifery program 337 offered in another state, bearing the seal of the institution or 338 otherwise authenticated, which renders the individual eligible to practice midwifery in the country or state in which it was 339 340 issued, provided the requirements therefor are deemed by the 341 department to be substantially equivalent to, or to exceed, 342 those established under this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter, and submits therewith a certified translation of 343 344 the foreign certificate or diploma; or 345 2. Holds an active, unencumbered a valid certificate or 346 license to practice midwifery in another state, jurisdiction, or 347 territory issued by that state, provided the licensing requirements of that state, jurisdiction, or territory at the 348 349 time the license was issued were therefor are deemed by the 350 department to be substantially equivalent to<sub>7</sub> or exceeded to

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351	$rac{exceed_{r}}{r}$ those established under this chapter and the rules
352	adopted thereunder under this chapter.
353	(b) Has <u>successfully</u> completed a 4 <del>-month</del> prelicensure
354	course conducted by an approved <u>midwifery</u> program <del>and has</del>
355	submitted documentation to the department of successful
356	completion.
357	(c) Submits an application for licensure on a form
358	approved by the department and pays the appropriate fee Has
359	successfully passed the licensed midwifery examination.
360	(2) The department may issue a temporary certificate to
361	practice in areas of critical need to <u>an applicant</u> any midwife
362	who is qualifying for <u>a midwifery license</u> <del>licensure by</del>
363	endorsement under subsection (1) who meets all of the following
364	criteria, with the following restrictions:
365	(a) Submits an application for a temporary certificate on
366	a form approved by the department and pays the appropriate fee,
367	which may not exceed \$50 and is in addition to the fee required
368	for licensure by endorsement under subsection (1);
369	(b) Specifies on the application that he or she will The
370	Department of Health shall determine the areas of critical need,
371	and the midwife so certified shall practice only in one or more
372	of the following locations:
373	1. A county health department;
374	2. A correctional facility;
375	3. A Department of Veterans' Affairs clinic;
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376	4. A community health center funded by s. 329, s. 330, or
377	s. 340 of the United States Public Health Service Act; or
378	5. Any other agency or institution that is approved by the
379	State Surgeon General and provides health care to meet the needs
380	of an underserved population in this state; and those specific
381	areas,
382	(c) Will practice only under the <u>supervision</u> auspices of a
383	physician licensed <u>under</u> <del>pursuant to</del> chapter 458 or chapter 459,
384	a certified nurse midwife licensed <u>under</u> <del>pursuant to</del> part I of
385	chapter 464, or a midwife licensed under this chapter $_{m{ au}}$ who has a
386	minimum of 3 years' professional experience.
387	(3) The department may issue a temporary certificate under
388	this section with the following restrictions:
389	(a) A requirement that a temporary certificateholder
390	practice only in areas of critical need. The State Surgeon
391	General shall determine the areas of critical need, which Such
392	<del>areas shall</del> include, but <u>are</u> not <del>be</del> limited to, health
393	professional shortage areas designated by the United States
394	Department of Health and Human Services.
395	(b) <u>A requirement that if a temporary certificateholder's</u>
396	practice area ceases to be an area of critical need, within 30
397	days after such change the certificateholder must either:
398	1. Report a new practice area of critical need to the
399	department; or
400	2. Voluntarily relinquish the temporary certificate.
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401	(c) The department shall review a temporary
402	certificateholder's practice at least annually to determine
403	whether the certificateholder is meeting the requirements of
404	subsections (2) and (3) and the rules adopted thereunder. If the
405	department determines that a certificateholder is not meeting
406	these requirements, the department must revoke the temporary
407	certificate.
408	(d) A temporary certificate issued under this section <u>is</u>
409	shall be valid only as long as an area for which it is issued
410	<del>remains an area of critical need, but no longer than</del> 2 years <del>,</del>
411	and <u>is</u> <del>shall</del> not <del>be</del> renewable.
412	(c) The department may administer an abbreviated oral
413	examination to determine the midwife's competency, but no
414	written regular examination shall be necessary.
415	(d) The department shall not issue a temporary certificate
416	to any midwife who is under investigation in another state for
417	an act which would constitute a violation of this chapter until
418	such time as the investigation is complete, at which time the
419	provisions of this section shall apply.
420	(e) The department shall review the practice under a
421	temporary certificate at least annually to ascertain that the
422	minimum requirements of the midwifery rules promulgated under
423	this chapter are being met. If it is determined that the minimum
424	requirements are not being met, the department shall immediately
425	revoke the temporary certificate.
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(f) The fee for a temporary certificate shall not exceed \$50 and shall be in addition to the fee required for licensure. Section 8. Section 467.205, Florida Statutes, is amended
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to read:
467.205 Approval of midwifery programs
(1) The department shall approve an accredited or state-
licensed public or private institution seeking to provide
midwifery education and training as an approved midwifery
program in this state if the institution meets all of the
following criteria:
(a) Submits an application for approval on a form approved
by the department.
(b) Demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that the
proposed midwifery program complies with s. 467.009 and the
rules adopted thereunder.
(c) For a private institution, demonstrates its
accreditation by a member of the Council for Higher Education
Accreditation or an agency recognized and approved by the United
States Department of Education and its licensing or provisional
licensing by the Commission for Independent Education An
organization desiring to conduct an approved program for the
education of midwives shall apply to the department and submit
such evidence as may be required to show that it complies with
s. 467.009 and with the rules of the department. Any accredited
or state-licensed institution of higher learning, public or
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451	private, may provide midwifery education and training.
452	(2) The department shall adopt rules regarding educational
453	objectives, faculty qualifications, curriculum guidelines,
454	administrative procedures, and other training requirements as
455	are necessary to ensure that approved programs graduate midwives
456	competent to practice under this chapter.
457	(3) The department shall survey each organization applying
458	for approval. If the department is satisfied that the program
459	meets the requirements of s. 467.009 and rules adopted pursuant
460	to that section, it shall approve the program.
461	(2)(4) The department shall, at least once every 3 years,
462	certify whether each approved midwifery program is currently
463	compliant, and has maintained compliance, complies with the
464	requirements of standards developed under s. 467.009 and the
465	rules adopted thereunder.
466	(3) <del>(5)</del> If the department finds that an approved <u>midwifery</u>
467	program is not in compliance with the requirements of s. 467.009
468	or the rules adopted thereunder, or has lost its accreditation
469	status, the department must provide its finding to the program
470	in writing and no longer meets the required standards, it may
471	place the program on probationary status for a specified period
472	of time, which may not exceed 3 years until such time as the
473	standards are restored.
474	(4) If a program on probationary status does not come into
475	compliance with the requirements of s. 467.009 or the rules
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476	adopted thereunder, or regain its accreditation status, as
477	applicable, within the period specified by the department fails
478	to correct these conditions within a specified period of time,
479	the department may rescind the program's approval.
480	<u>(5)</u> <u>A</u> Any program <u>that has</u> <del>having</del> its approval rescinded
481	has shall have the right to reapply for approval.
482	(6) The department may grant provisional approval of a new
483	program seeking accreditation status, for a period not to exceed
484	5 years, provided that all other requirements of this section
485	are met.
486	(7) The department may rescind provisional approval of a
487	program that fails to the meet the requirements of s. 467.009,
488	this section, or the rules adopted thereunder, in accordance
489	with procedures provided in subsections (3) and (4) $\frac{may}{2}$ be
490	granted pending the licensure results of the first graduating
491	<del>class</del> .
492	Section 9. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) and paragraphs
493	(a) and (b) of subsection (5) of section 468.803, Florida
494	Statutes, are amended to read:
495	468.803 License, registration, and examination
496	requirements
497	(2) An applicant for registration, examination, or
498	licensure must apply to the department on a form prescribed by
499	the board for consideration of board approval. Each initial
500	applicant shall submit <del>a set of</del> fingerprints to the department
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on a form and under procedures specified by the department  $\tau$ 501 502 along with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by 503 the department for state and national criminal history checks of 504 the applicant. The department shall submit the fingerprints 505 provided by an applicant to the Department of Law Enforcement 506 for a statewide criminal history check, and the Department of 507 Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal 508 Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check of the applicant. The board shall screen the results to determine 509 if an applicant meets licensure requirements. The board shall 510 511 consider for examination, registration, or licensure each 512 applicant who the board verifies:

(a) Has submitted the completed application and <u>completed</u>
the <u>fingerprinting requirements</u> <del>fingerprint forms</del> and has paid
the applicable application fee, not to exceed \$500, and the cost
of the state and national criminal history checks. The
application fee <u>is</u> and cost of the criminal history checks shall
<del>be</del> nonrefundable;

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- (b) Is of good moral character;
- 520 (c) Is 18 years of age or older; and
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(d) Has completed the appropriate educational preparation.

(3) A person seeking to attain the orthotics orprosthetics experience required for licensure in this state must

524 be approved by the board and registered as a resident by the

525 department. Although a registration may be held in both

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526 disciplines, for independent registrations the board may not 527 approve a second registration until at least 1 year after the 528 issuance of the first registration. Notwithstanding subsection 529 (2), a person who has been approved by the board and registered 530 by the department in one discipline may apply for registration 531 in the second discipline without an additional state or national 532 criminal history check during the period in which the first 533 registration is valid. Each independent registration or dual registration is valid for 2 years after the date of issuance 534 535 unless otherwise revoked by the department upon recommendation 536 of the board. The board shall set a registration fee not to 537 exceed \$500 to be paid by the applicant. A registration may be 538 renewed once by the department upon recommendation of the board 539 for a period no longer than 1 year, as such renewal is defined 540 by the board by rule. The renewal fee may not exceed one-half the current registration fee. To be considered by the board for 541 542 approval of registration as a resident, the applicant must have 543 one of the following:

(a) A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate
degree in orthotics and prosthetics from <u>an</u> <del>a regionally</del>
accredited college or university recognized by the Commission on
Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

(b) A minimum of a bachelor's degree from <u>an</u>
<u>institutionally</u> a regionally accredited college or university
and a certificate in orthotics or prosthetics from a program

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recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by the
board.

(c) A minimum of a bachelor's degree from <u>an</u>
<u>institutionally</u> a regionally accredited college or university
and a dual certificate in both orthotics and prosthetics from
programs recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied
Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by
the board.

560 (4) The department may develop and administer a state 561 examination for an orthotist or a prosthetist license, or the 562 board may approve the existing examination of a national 563 standards organization. The examination must be predicated on a minimum of a baccalaureate-level education and formalized 564 565 specialized training in the appropriate field. Each examination 566 must demonstrate a minimum level of competence in basic 567 scientific knowledge, written problem solving, and practical 568 clinical patient management. The board shall require an 569 examination fee not to exceed the actual cost to the board in 570 developing, administering, and approving the examination, which 571 fee must be paid by the applicant. To be considered by the board 572 for examination, the applicant must have:

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(a) For an examination in orthotics:

574 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate 575 degree in orthotics and prosthetics from an institutionally <del>a</del>

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576 regionally accredited college or university recognized by the 577 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs 578 or, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from <u>an institutionally</u> <del>a</del> 579 regionally accredited college or university and a certificate in 580 orthotics from a program recognized by the Commission on 581 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its 582 equivalent, as determined by the board; and

2. An approved orthotics internship of 1 year of qualified
experience, as determined by the board, or an orthotic residency
or dual residency program recognized by the board.

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(b) For an examination in prosthetics:

587 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate degree in orthotics and prosthetics from an institutionally a 588 589 regionally accredited college or university recognized by the 590 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs 591 or, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from an institutionally a 592 regionally accredited college or university and a certificate in 593 prosthetics from a program recognized by the Commission on 594 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its 595 equivalent, as determined by the board; and

596 2. An approved prosthetics internship of 1 year of 597 qualified experience, as determined by the board, or a 598 prosthetic residency or dual residency program recognized by the 599 board.

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(5) In addition to the requirements in subsection (2), to

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601 be licensed as:

(a) An orthotist, the applicant must pay a license fee notto exceed \$500 and must have:

604 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate 605 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from an institutionally a 606 regionally accredited college or university recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 607 608 or a bachelor's degree from an institutionally accredited 609 college or university and with a certificate in orthotics from a 610 program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied 611 Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by 612 the board;

613 2. An <u>approved</u> appropriate internship of 1 year of
614 qualified experience, as determined by the board, or a residency
615 program recognized by the board;

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3. Completed the mandatory courses; and

617 4. Passed the state orthotics examination or the board-618 approved orthotics examination.

(b) A prosthetist, the applicant must pay a license feenot to exceed \$500 and must have:

A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate
 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from <u>an institutionally</u> <del>a</del>
 <del>regionally</del> accredited college or university <u>recognized by the</u>
 <u>Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs</u>,
 or a bachelor's degree from an institutionally accredited

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626 <u>college or university and with</u> a certificate in prosthetics from 627 a program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of 628 Allied Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as 629 determined by the board;

630 2. An internship of 1 year of qualified experience, as
631 determined by the board, or a residency program recognized by
632 the board;

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3. Completed the mandatory courses; and

634 4. Passed the state prosthetics examination or the board-635 approved prosthetics examination.

636 Section 10. Section 483.824, Florida Statutes, is amended 637 to read:

638 483.824 Qualifications of clinical laboratory director.—A
639 clinical laboratory director must have 4 years of clinical
640 laboratory experience with 2 years of experience in the
641 specialty to be directed or be nationally board certified in the
642 specialty to be directed, and must meet one of the following
643 requirements:

644 (1) Be a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter645 459;

646 (2) Hold an earned doctoral degree in a chemical,
647 physical, or biological science from <u>an</u> a regionally accredited
648 institution and maintain national certification requirements
649 equal to those required by the federal Health Care Financing
650 Administration; or

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(3) For the subspecialty of oral pathology, be a physician
licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or a dentist licensed
under chapter 466.

654 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 490.003, Florida 655 Statutes, is amended to read:

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490.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(3) (a) "Doctoral degree from an American Psychological Association accredited program" means Effective July 1, 1999, "doctoral-level psychological education" and "doctoral degree in psychology" mean a Psy.D., an Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from a psychology program at an educational institution that, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated:

664 <u>1.(a)</u> Had institutional accreditation from an agency 665 recognized and approved by the United States Department of 666 Education or was recognized as a member in good standing with 667 the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; and

668 <u>2.(b)</u> Had programmatic accreditation from the American
 669 Psychological Association.

(b) "Doctoral degree in psychology" means a Psy.D., an
Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from a psychology
program at an educational institution that, at the time the
applicant was enrolled and graduated, had institutional
accreditation from an agency recognized and approved by the
United States Department of Education or was recognized as a

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676 member in good standing with the Association of Universities and 677 Colleges of Canada. 678 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 490.005, Florida 679 Statutes, is amended to read: 680 490.005 Licensure by examination.-681 Any person desiring to be licensed as a psychologist (1)682 shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination. 683 The department shall license each applicant who the board 684 certifies has met all of the following requirements: Completed the application form and remitted a 685 (a) 686 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500 and an 687 examination fee set by the board sufficient to cover the actual 688 per applicant cost to the department for development, purchase, 689 and administration of the examination, but not to exceed \$500. 690 Submitted proof satisfactory to the board that the (b) 691 applicant has received: 692 A doctoral degree from an American Psychological 1. 693 Association accredited program Doctoral-level psychological 694 education; or 695 The equivalent of a doctoral degree from an American 2. 696 Psychological Association accredited program doctoral-level 697 psychological education, as defined in s. 490.003(3), from a program at a school or university located outside the United 698 699 States of America which was officially recognized by the 700 government of the country in which it is located as an

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institution or program to train students to practice
professional psychology. The applicant has the burden of
establishing that this requirement has been met.

704 Had at least 2 years or 4,000 hours of experience in (C) 705 the field of psychology in association with or under the 706 supervision of a licensed psychologist meeting the academic and 707 experience requirements of this chapter or the equivalent as 708 determined by the board. The experience requirement may be met 709 by work performed on or off the premises of the supervising psychologist if the off-premises work is not the independent, 710 711 private practice rendering of psychological services that does 712 not have a psychologist as a member of the group actually 713 rendering psychological services on the premises.

(d) Passed the examination. However, an applicant who has obtained a passing score, as established by the board by rule, on the psychology licensure examination designated by the board as the national licensure examination need only pass the Florida law and rules portion of the examination.

719 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 490.0051, Florida720 Statutes, is amended to read:

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490.0051 Provisional licensure; requirements.-

(1) The department shall issue a provisional psychologylicense to each applicant who the board certifies has:

(a) Completed the application form and remitted a
nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$250, as set by

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(b) Earned a doctoral degree <u>from an American</u>
 Psychological Association accredited program in psychology as
 defined in s. 490.003(3).

730 (c) Met any additional requirements established by board731 rule.

732Section 14.Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section733491.005, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

491.005 Licensure by examination.-

735 (1) CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK.-Upon verification of 736 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by 737 board rule, plus the actual per applicant cost to the department 738 for purchase of the examination from the American Association of State Social Worker's Boards or a similar national organization, 739 740 the department shall issue a license as a clinical social worker 741 to an applicant who the board certifies has met all of the 742 following criteria:

(a) Has Submitted an application and paid the appropriatefee.

(b)1. Has Received a doctoral degree in social work from a graduate school of social work which at the time the applicant graduated was accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or has received a master's degree in social work from a graduate school of social work which at the time the applicant graduated:

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a. Was accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;b. Was accredited by the Canadian Association of Schoolsof Social Work; or

754 c. Has been determined to have been a program equivalent 755 to programs approved by the Council on Social Work Education by 756 the Foreign Equivalency Determination Service of the Council on 757 Social Work Education. An applicant who graduated from a program 758 at a university or college outside of the United States or 759 Canada must present documentation of the equivalency 760 determination from the council in order to qualify.

761 2. The applicant's graduate program must have emphasized 762 direct clinical patient or client health care services, 763 including, but not limited to, coursework in clinical social 764 work, psychiatric social work, medical social work, social 765 casework, psychotherapy, or group therapy. The applicant's 766 graduate program must have included all of the following 767 coursework:

a. A supervised field placement which was part of the
applicant's advanced concentration in direct practice, during
which the applicant provided clinical services directly to
clients.

b. Completion of 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours in theory of human behavior and practice methods as courses in clinically oriented services, including a minimum of one course in psychopathology, and no more than one course in research,

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776 taken in a school of social work accredited or approved pursuant 777 to subparagraph 1.

3. If the course title which appears on the applicant's transcript does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, the applicant shall be required to provide additional documentation, including, but not limited to, a syllabus or catalog description published for the course.

Has Had at least 2 years of clinical social work 783 (C) 784 experience, which took place subsequent to completion of a 785 graduate degree in social work at an institution meeting the 786 accreditation requirements of this section, under the 787 supervision of a licensed clinical social worker or the 788 equivalent who is a qualified supervisor as determined by the 789 board. An individual who intends to practice in Florida to 790 satisfy clinical experience requirements must register pursuant 791 to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If the applicant's 792 graduate program was not a program which emphasized direct 793 clinical patient or client health care services as described in 794 subparagraph (b)2., the supervised experience requirement must 795 take place after the applicant has completed a minimum of 15 796 semester hours or 22 quarter hours of the coursework required. A 797 doctoral internship may be applied toward the clinical social work experience requirement. A licensed mental health 798 799 professional must be on the premises when clinical services are 800 provided by a registered intern in a private practice setting.

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Has Passed a theory and practice examination 801 (d) 802 designated by board rule provided by the department for this 803 purpose. 804 Has Demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of (e) 805 the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the 806 practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, 807 and mental health counseling. 808 (3) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY.-Upon verification of 809 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by 810 board rule, plus the actual cost of the purchase of the 811 examination from the Association of Marital and Family Therapy 812 Regulatory Board, or similar national organization, the 813 department shall issue a license as a marriage and family 814 therapist to an applicant who the board certifies has met all of 815 the following criteria: 816 Has Submitted an application and paid the appropriate (a) 817 fee. 818 (b)1. Obtained one of the following: 819 a. Has A minimum of a master's degree with major emphasis 820 in marriage and family therapy or a closely related field from a 821 program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for 822 Marriage and Family Therapy Education or from a Florida university program accredited by the Council for Accreditation 823 824 of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. 825 b. A minimum of a master's degree with an emphasis in

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826 marriage and family therapy with a degree conferred date before 827 July 1, 2026, from an institutionally accredited college or 828 university that is not yet accredited by the Commission on 829 Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or the 830 Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational 831 Programs. 832 2. Completed and graduate courses approved by the Board of 833 Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental 834 Health Counseling. 835 836 If the course title that appears on the applicant's transcript 837 does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, the 838 applicant shall provide additional documentation, including, but 839 not limited to, a syllabus or catalog description published for 840 the course. The required master's degree must have been received 841 in an institution of higher education that, at the time the 842 applicant graduated, was fully accredited by an institutional a regional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on 843 844 Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation or publicly 845 recognized as a member in good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, or an institution of higher 846 847 education located outside the United States and Canada which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and at the time the 848 applicant graduated, maintained a standard of training 849 850 substantially equivalent to the standards of training of those

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851 institutions in the United States which are accredited by an 852 institutional a regional accrediting body recognized by the 853 Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Such 854 foreign education and training must have been received in an 855 institution or program of higher education officially recognized 856 by the government of the country in which it is located as an 857 institution or program to train students to practice as 858 professional marriage and family therapists or psychotherapists. 859 The applicant has the burden of establishing that the 860 requirements of this provision have been met, and the board 861 shall require documentation, such as an evaluation by a foreign 862 equivalency determination service, as evidence that the 863 applicant's graduate degree program and education were 864 equivalent to an accredited program in this country. An 865 applicant with a master's degree from a program that did not 866 emphasize marriage and family therapy may complete the 867 coursework requirement in a training institution fully 868 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and 869 Family Therapy Education recognized by the United States 870 Department of Education.

(c) Has Had at least 2 years of clinical experience during which 50 percent of the applicant's clients were receiving marriage and family therapy services, which must <u>have been</u> be at the post-master's level under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist with at least 5 years of

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876 experience, or the equivalent, who is a qualified supervisor as 877 determined by the board. An individual who intends to practice 878 in Florida to satisfy the clinical experience requirements must 879 register pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If 880 a graduate has a master's degree with a major emphasis in 881 marriage and family therapy or a closely related field which did 882 not include all of the coursework required by paragraph (b), 883 credit for the post-master's level clinical experience may not 884 commence until the applicant has completed a minimum of 10 of 885 the courses required by paragraph (b), as determined by the 886 board, and at least 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours of the 887 course credits must have been completed in the area of marriage and family systems, theories, or techniques. Within the 2 years 888 889 of required experience, the applicant must shall provide direct 890 individual, group, or family therapy and counseling to cases 891 including those involving unmarried dyads, married couples, 892 separating and divorcing couples, and family groups that include 893 children. A doctoral internship may be applied toward the clinical experience requirement. A licensed mental health 894 895 professional must be on the premises when clinical services are 896 provided by a registered intern in a private practice setting. 897 (d)

(d) Has Passed a theory and practice examination
 designated by board rule provided by the department.

(e) Has Demonstrated, in a manner designated by board
 rule, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of

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901 clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental 902 health counseling.

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For the purposes of dual licensure, the department shall license as a marriage and family therapist any person who meets the requirements of s. 491.0057. Fees for dual licensure may not exceed those stated in this subsection.

908 (4) MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING.—Upon verification of 909 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by 910 board rule, plus the actual per applicant cost of purchase of 911 the examination from the National Board for Certified Counselors 912 or its successor organization, the department shall issue a 913 license as a mental health counselor to an applicant who the 914 board certifies has met all of the following criteria:

915 (a) Has Submitted an application and paid the appropriate 916 fee.

917 (b)1. Obtained Has a minimum of an earned master's degree 918 from a mental health counseling program accredited by the 919 Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related 920 Educational Programs which consists of at least 60 semester 921 hours or 80 quarter hours of clinical and didactic instruction, 922 including a course in human sexuality and a course in substance abuse. If the master's degree is earned from a program related 923 924 to the practice of mental health counseling which is not accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling 925

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926 and Related Educational Programs, then the coursework and 927 practicum, internship, or fieldwork must consist of at least 60 928 semester hours or 80 quarter hours and meet all of the following 929 requirements:

930 Thirty-three semester hours or 44 guarter hours of a. 931 graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester 932 hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level coursework in each of 933 the following 11 content areas: counseling theories and 934 practice; human growth and development; diagnosis and treatment 935 of psychopathology; human sexuality; group theories and 936 practice; individual evaluation and assessment; career and 937 lifestyle assessment; research and program evaluation; social 938 and cultural foundations; substance abuse; and legal, ethical, 939 and professional standards issues in the practice of mental 940 health counseling. Courses in research, thesis or dissertation 941 work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not be applied 942 toward this requirement.

b. A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of
graduate-level coursework addressing diagnostic processes,
including differential diagnosis and the use of the current
diagnostic tools, such as the current edition of the American
Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
Mental Disorders. The graduate program must have emphasized the
common core curricular experience.

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c. The equivalent, as determined by the board, of at least

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951 700 hours of university-sponsored supervised clinical practicum, 952 internship, or field experience that includes at least 280 hours 953 of direct client services, as required in the accrediting 954 standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and 955 Related Educational Programs for mental health counseling 956 programs. This experience may not be used to satisfy the post-957 master's clinical experience requirement.

958 2. Has Provided additional documentation if a course title 959 that appears on the applicant's transcript does not clearly 960 identify the content of the coursework. The documentation must 961 include, but is not limited to, a syllabus or catalog 962 description published for the course.

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964 Education and training in mental health counseling must have 965 been received in an institution of higher education that, at the 966 time the applicant graduated, was fully accredited by an 967 institutional a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor 968 969 organization or publicly recognized as a member in good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, or 970 971 an institution of higher education located outside the United 972 States and Canada which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard 973 974 of training substantially equivalent to the standards of 975 training of those institutions in the United States which are

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976 accredited by an institutional a regional accrediting body 977 recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or 978 its successor organization. Such foreign education and training 979 must have been received in an institution or program of higher 980 education officially recognized by the government of the country 981 in which it is located as an institution or program to train 982 students to practice as mental health counselors. The applicant 983 has the burden of establishing that the requirements of this provision have been met, and the board shall require 984 985 documentation, such as an evaluation by a foreign equivalency 986 determination service, as evidence that the applicant's graduate 987 degree program and education were equivalent to an accredited 988 program in this country. Beginning July 1, 2025, an applicant 989 must have a master's degree from a program that is accredited by 990 the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related 991 Educational Programs or the Master's in Psychology and 992 Counseling Accreditation Council which consists of at least 60 993 semester hours or 80 quarter hours to apply for licensure under 994 this paragraph.

995 (c) Has Had at least 2 years of clinical experience in 996 mental health counseling, which must be at the post-master's 997 level under the supervision of a licensed mental health 998 counselor or the equivalent who is a qualified supervisor as 999 determined by the board. An individual who intends to practice 1000 in Florida to satisfy the clinical experience requirements must

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1001 register pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If 1002 a graduate has a master's degree with a major related to the 1003 practice of mental health counseling which did not include all 1004 the coursework required under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a. and b., 1005 credit for the post-master's level clinical experience may not 1006 commence until the applicant has completed a minimum of seven of 1007 the courses required under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a. and b., as 1008 determined by the board, one of which must be a course in 1009 psychopathology or abnormal psychology. A doctoral internship 1010 may be applied toward the clinical experience requirement. A licensed mental health professional must be on the premises when 1011 1012 clinical services are provided by a registered intern in a 1013 private practice setting.

1014 (d) Has Passed a theory and practice examination
 1015 designated by department rule provided by the department for
 1016 this purpose.

(e) Has Demonstrated, in a manner designated by board rule, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling.

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Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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