

LOUISIANA MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR LICENSING ACT

Title 37. Professions & Occupations | Chapter 13. Mental Health Counselors

§1103. Definitions

(7) "Mental health counseling services" means rendering or offering prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment, which includes psychotherapy, of mental, emotional, behavioral, and addiction disorders to individuals, groups, organizations, or the general public by a licensed professional counselor, that is consistent with his professional training as prescribed by R.S. 37:1107(A)(8), and code of ethics/behavior involving the application of principles, methods, or procedures of the mental health counseling profession. ~~However, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to authorize any person licensed under the provisions of this Chapter to assess, diagnose, or provide treatment to any individual suffering from a serious mental illness, as defined by this Section, when medication may be indicated, except when a licensed professional counselor, in accordance with industry best practices, consults and collaborates with a practitioner who holds a license or permit with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing who is certified as a psychiatric nurse practitioner.~~ Moreover, ~~except as provided in this Section,~~ nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to authorize any person licensed hereunder to administer or interpret **intellectual, personality, developmental, or neuropsychological** tests in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:2352(~~5~~7), except as provided by Title 46, Part LXIII, Chapter 17, Section 1702(E) of the Louisiana Administrative Code, or engage in the practice of psychology or to prescribe, either orally or in writing, distribute, dispense, or administer any medications. **If intellectual, personality, developmental, or neuropsychological tests are deemed necessary, the licensed professional counselor or provisional licensed professional counselor shall make an appropriate referral.**

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~~(14) "Serious mental illness" means any of the following diagnoses:~~

~~(a) Schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.~~

~~(b) Bipolar disorder.~~

~~(c) Panic disorder.~~

~~(d) Obsessive compulsive disorder.~~

~~(e) Major depressive disorder—moderate to severe.~~

~~(f) Anorexia/bulimia.~~

~~(g) Intermittent explosive disorder.~~

~~(h) Autism.~~

~~(i) Psychosis NOS (not otherwise specified) when diagnosed in a child under seventeen years of age.~~

~~(j) Rett's disorder.~~

~~(k) Tourette's disorder.~~

~~(l) Dementia.~~

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§1116. Licensure application for marriage and family therapists; provisional license; temporary license or temporary provisional license

~~F. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to authorize any person licensed under the provisions of this Chapter to assess, diagnose, or provide treatment to any individual suffering from a serious mental illness, as defined by R.S. 37:1103, when medication may be indicated, except when a licensed marriage and family therapist, in accordance with best practices, consults and collaborates with a practitioner who holds a license or permit with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing who is certified as a psychiatric nurse practitioner.~~ If intellectual, personality, developmental, or neuropsychological tests are deemed necessary, the licensed marriage and family therapist or provisional licensed marriage and family therapist shall make an appropriate referral.