WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-3H-5

§30-3H-5. Licensure requirements.

(a) The Board shall issue a genetic counseling license to an applicant who:

(1) Is at least 21 years of age;

(2) Submits an application for licensure to the board on a form approved by the board;

(3) Pays the applicable fee, as established in legislative rule;

(4) Submits satisfactory evidence to the board that he or she does not have a prior, unreversed, criminal conviction for a crime that bears a rational nexus to the profession of genetic counseling;

(5) Submits satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant has earned a master's degree from a genetic counseling training program that is accredited by the ACGC, or a substantially equivalent educational program approved by the board;

(6) Provides satisfactory evidence to the board of current certification as a:

(A) Genetic counselor by the ABGC or ABMG; or

(B) Medical geneticist by the ABMG;

(7) Is mentally and physically able to engage safely in practice as a genetic counselor;

(8) Is not currently subject to any limitation, restriction, suspension, revocation, or discipline concerning a genetic counselor license, certification, or registration in any jurisdiction: *Provided*, That if the board is made aware of any problems with a genetic counselor license, certification, or registration, it may elect to issue a license notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision if doing so is consistent with protecting the public; and

(9) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board in rule for legislative approval.

(b) The board may not issue an initial license, reinstate, or reactivate a license, to any individual whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, or deactivated in another state based upon conduct which is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by §30-3H-9 of this code or the board's legislative rules, until reinstatement of his or her license in that state.

(c) The board shall issue a certificate of licensure to each person who is licensed under this article.

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