

## AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6507, 7701, 7704, 8402, 8403, 8404 and 8405 of the Education Law and Chapter 818 of the Laws of 2022.

1. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of section 74.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(v) the supervisor provides at least one hundred hours of [in-person] face-to-face individual or group clinical supervision, distributed appropriately over the period of the supervised experience. [The Department, in its discretion, may accept alternative means to meet the in-person supervision requirements of this subparagraph that cannot be successfully completed due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.] Face-to-face supervision may utilize technology acceptable to the Department, including secure video conferencing to protect confidentiality.

2. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 74.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(v) the supervisor provides at least two hours per month of [in-person] face-to-face individual or group clinical supervision. [The Department, in its discretion, may accept alternative means to meet the in-person supervision requirements of this subparagraph that cannot be successfully completed due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.] Face-to-face supervision may utilize technology acceptable to the Department, including secure video conferencing to protect confidentiality.

3. Paragraphs (1) and (3) of subdivision (c) of section 79-9.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education are amended to read as follows to reads as follows:

(1) An applicant shall obtain experience under this section while under the general supervision of a qualified supervisor. General supervision shall mean that a qualified supervisor shall be available for consultation, assessment and evaluation when professional services are being rendered by an applicant and the supervisor shall exercise the degree of supervision appropriate to the circumstances. The supervisor shall provide an average of one hour per week or two hours every other week of [in-person] face-to-face individual or group supervision wherein the supervisor of such experience shall:

(i) ...

(ii) ...

(3) [The Department, in its discretion, may accept alternative means to meet the in-person supervision requirements of paragraph (1) of this subdivision that cannot be successfully completed due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.] Face-to face supervision may utilize technology acceptable to the Department, including secure video conferencing to protect confidentiality.

4. Paragraphs (1) and (3) of subdivision (d) of section 79-10.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education are amended to read as follow:

(1) An applicant shall obtain experience under this section while under the general supervision of a qualified supervisor. General supervision shall mean that a qualified supervisor shall be available for consultation, assessment and evaluation when

professional services are being rendered by an applicant and the supervisor shall exercise the degree of supervision appropriate to the circumstances. The supervisor shall provide an average of one hour per week or two hours every other week of [in-person] face-to-face individual or group supervision wherein the supervisor shall:

(i) ...

(ii) ...

(3) [The Department, in its discretion, may accept alternative means to meet the in-person supervision requirements of paragraph (1) of this subdivision that cannot be successfully completed due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.] Face-to-face supervision may utilize technology acceptable to the Department, including secure video conferencing to protect confidentiality.

5. Paragraphs (1) and (3) of subdivision (c) of section 79-11.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education are amended to read as follows:

(1) An applicant shall obtain experience under this section while under the general supervision of a qualified supervisor. General supervision shall mean that a qualified supervisor shall be available for consultation, assessment and evaluation when professional services are being rendered by an applicant and the supervisor shall exercise that degree of supervision appropriate to the circumstances. The supervisor shall provide at least one hour per week or four hours per month of [in-person] face-to-face individual or group supervision wherein the supervisor shall:

(i) ...

(ii) ...

(3) [The Department, in its discretion, may accept alternative means to meet the in-person supervision requirements of this paragraph (1) of this subdivision that cannot be successfully completed due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.] Face-to-face supervision may utilize technology acceptable to the Department, including secure video conferencing to protect confidentiality.

6. Paragraphs (1) and (3) of subdivision (c) of section 79-12.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education are amended to read as follows:

(1) An applicant shall obtain experience under this section while under the general supervision of a qualified supervisor. General supervision shall mean that a qualified supervisor shall be available for consultation, assessment and evaluation when professional services are being rendered by an applicant and the supervisor shall exercise the degree of supervision appropriate to the circumstances. The supervisor shall provide an average of one hour per week or two hours every other week of [in-person] face-to-face individual or group supervision wherein the supervisor shall:

(i) ...

(ii) ...

(3) [The Department, in its discretion, may accept alternative means to meet the in-person supervision requirements of paragraph (1) of this subdivision that cannot be successfully completed due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.] Face-to-face supervision may

utilize technology acceptable to the Department, including secure video conferencing to protect confidentiality.

7. Paragraph (a) of section 74.1 of the Commissioner's Regulations is amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section, acceptable accrediting agency shall mean an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the postsecondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation of social work programs in a fair, consistent, and nondiscriminatory manner[, such as the Council on Social Work Education, its successors, or an equivalent agency].

8. Section 74.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations is REPEALED.