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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY,  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:
APPLICATION OF	:
	:
Amy M. Plum,	:
APPLICANT	:

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

The parties in this matter under § 227.44, Wis. Stats. and s. RL 1.04, Wis. Admin. Code, and for purposes of review under § 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

Amy M. Plum  
302 E. Main Street  
Wales, WI 53183

Professional Counseling Section  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
Madison, WI 53703

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Amy M. Plum filed an application for a professional counselor license on or about April 27, 2007. The Professional Counselor Section reviewed her application multiple times and denied her application for a professional counselor license. A Notice of Denial was sent to Ms. Plum on or about November 20, 2007. Ms. Plum subsequently requested a hearing on her denial.

A hearing in the above-captioned matter was held on May 20, 2008, before the Professional Counseling Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board. Ms. Plum appeared in person, *pro se*.

The Professional Counseling Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board, having held a hearing on the application for a professional counselor license for Amy M. Plum, and having considered the entire record in this matter, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Amy M. Plum applied for a professional counselor license on or about April 27, 2007.
2. Under ss. 457.12 and 457.13, Wis. Stats., applicants for a professional counselor license must complete 3000 hours of supervised professional counseling practice in order to be eligible for a professional counselor license.
5. Ms. Plum has successfully completed 2250 hours of post-graduate professional counseling practice. To be eligible for a professional counselor license, she must complete the remaining 750 hours of supervised practice under a professional counselor training license, using an approved supervisor.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Professional Counseling Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to §§ 15.405 (7c) (c) and 457.12, Wis. Stats.
2. Ms. Plum, by not having completed the requirements as set forth in §§ 457.12 and 457.13, Wis. Stats., has not met the criteria for a professional counselor license.

## **ORDER**

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the application of Amy M. Plum for a professional counselor license is **DENIED**.

## **OPINION**

Section 457.12, Wis. Stats., sets forth the criteria for licensure as a professional counselor in Wisconsin. Applicants for a professional counseling license must demonstrate that they have completed the required 3000 hours of post-graduate supervised practice. Ms. Plum has not completed the essential post-graduate supervised practice requirement. Additionally, under s. RL 1.08 (4), Wis. Admin. Code, an applicant has the burden of proof to show the credentialing authority, in this case, the Professional Counseling Section, that he has met the eligibility requirements for the credential.

Ms. Plum has failed to meet her burden. One of the requirements for obtaining the professional counselor license is the completion of 3000 hours of post-graduate supervised practice. While the Professional Counseling Section (Section) recognized the completion of 2250 hours of supervised practice by Ms. Plum, she remains deficient by 750 hours. Once Ms. Plum has obtained a professional counselor training license and completes her remaining hours of supervised practice experience under an approved supervisor, she would be eligible for a professional counseling license. However, because Ms. Plum has not yet completed the supervised practice requirement, the Section determined that she has not met the requirements for the professional counselor license. Her application for the professional counselor license has therefore been denied.

## **APPEAL INFORMATION**

The applicant's right to request rehearing and for judicial review are set forth in the enclosed "Notice of Appeal Information".

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2008, at Madison, Wisconsin.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SECTION

Leslie D. Mirkin, P.C.  
Chairperson