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C. Licensure criteria met by the applicant in other states may be honored by the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors if he/she substantially meets the requirements for licensure in the State of Mississippi. Each criterion will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. See Rule 4.8.

Source: Miss Code Ann. § 73-30-7 & 73-30-15 (Rev. 2008)

#### Rule 4.8: Licensure by Comity

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1) Evidence of a valid license from another State is required for licensure by comity. The applicant requesting licensure by comity must be in good standing with the State in which that person holds his/her current license as a Licensed Professional Counselor or its equivalent independent counseling license.

2) The Board may require an examination related specifically to the practice of Licensed Professional Counseling in Mississippi.

3) Applicants for licensure by comity shall demonstrate that he/she currently holds a license with at least five (5) years of professional work experience as a counselor since the date of their initial licensure, that licensure was maintained continuously during those five (5) years and that no substantiated complaints or disciplinary action(s) have ever been taken against the licensee. Applicants shall submit a Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) along with three (3) work references.

4) The Board reserves the right to accept an application for licensure by comity, to request additional information from the applicant, or reject an application for cause as governed by Mississippi laws and/or rules.

6) The applicant seeking licensure shall direct the State in which she/he is currently licensed and cause to have certified copies of the contents of his/her licensure file sent directly to the Board's office at his/her expense.

7) The Board will inform other boards of any disciplinary action(s) taken against any Licensed Professional Counselor that is licensed by comity.

8) The Board will develop and maintain documentation of the individuals that are approved for licensure by comity will make this information publicly available and available to the other Board.

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