

Vermont Disclosure Statement

The State of Vermont requires that counselors provide their new clients with the following information by the third session. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have about this information.

My background

Education:

- MA in Counseling, Mars Hill Graduate School (The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology), 2004
- Master of Divinity, Mars Hill Graduate School (The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology), 2004.

Licensure:

- Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), Washington, 2007
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC), Vermont, 2014 (License #068.0076445)

Special qualifications:

- Certified Sex Addiction Therapist, IITAP, 2005
- EMDR Training, EMDRIA, 2012
- Experiential Training Institute, Trauma Stage Process, and Psychodrama Institute, Onsite, 2015-2016

Clinical areas of practice:

- Sex, love, porn addiction
- Codependency
- Depression
- Trauma
- Couples therapy
- Anxiety
- Spiritual matters
- Grieving, loss

State information on professional conduct

My practice is governed by the Rules of the Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners. It is unprofessional conduct to violate those rules. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the Board or online at <http://vtprofessionals.org/>. Unprofessional conduct is defined by these two Vermont Statutes:

26 V.S.A. § 3271:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct means the following conduct and conduct set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 129a:
- (1) using dishonest or misleading advertising;
 - (2) misusing a title in professional activity;
 - (3) conduct that evidences unfitness to practice clinical mental health counseling;
 - (4) engaging in any sexual conduct with a client, or with the immediate family member of a client, with whom the licensee has had a professional relationship within the previous five years;
 - (5) harassing, intimidating, or abusing a client;
 - (6) entering into an additional relationship with a client, supervisee, research participant, or student that might impair the licensed clinical mental health counselor's objectivity or otherwise interfere with the clinical mental health counselor's professional obligations;
 - (7) independently practicing outside or beyond a clinical mental health counselor's area of training, experience, or competence without appropriate supervision; or
 - (8) using conversion therapy as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 8351 on a client younger than 18 years of age.

3 V.S.A. § 129a:

- (a) In addition to any other provision of law, the following conduct by a licensee constitutes unprofessional conduct. When that conduct is by an applicant or person who later becomes an applicant, it may constitute grounds for denial of a license or other disciplinary action. Any one of the following items, or any combination of items, whether or not the conduct at issue was committed within or outside the State, shall constitute unprofessional conduct:
- (1) Fraudulent or deceptive procurement or use of a license.

- (2) Advertising that is intended or has a tendency to deceive.
- (3) Failing to comply with provisions of federal or State statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession.
- (4) Failing to comply with an order of the board or violating any term or condition of a license restricted by the board.
- (5) Practicing the profession when medically or psychologically unfit to do so.
- (6) Delegating professional responsibilities to a person whom the licensed professional knows, or has reason to know, is not qualified by training, experience, education, or licensing credentials to perform them, or knowingly providing professional supervision or serving as a preceptor to a person who has not been licensed or registered as required by the laws of that person's profession.
- (7) Willfully making or filing false reports or records in the practice of the profession, willfully impeding or obstructing the proper making or filing of reports or records, or willfully failing to file the proper reports or records.
- (8) Failing to make available promptly to a person using professional health care services, that person's representative, or succeeding health care professionals or institutions, upon written request and direction of the person using professional health care services, copies of that person's records in the possession or under the control of the licensed practitioner, or failing to notify patients or clients how to obtain their records when a practice closes.
- (9) Failing to retain client records for a period of seven years, unless laws specific to the profession allow for a shorter retention period. When other laws or agency rules require retention for a longer period of time, the longer retention period shall apply.
- (10) Conviction of a crime related to the practice of the profession or conviction of a felony, whether or not related to the practice of the profession.
- (11) Failing to report to the Office a conviction of any felony or misdemeanor offense in a Vermont District Court, a Vermont Superior Court, a federal court, or a court outside Vermont within 30 days.
- (12) Exercising undue influence on or taking improper advantage of a person using professional services, or promoting the sale of services or goods in a manner that exploits a person for the financial gain of the practitioner or a third party.
- (13) Performing treatments or providing services that the licensee is not qualified to perform or that are beyond the scope of the licensee's education, training, capabilities, experience, or scope of practice.
- (14) Failing to report to the Office within 30 days a change of name, e-mail, or mailing address.
- (15) Failing to exercise independent professional judgment in the performance of licensed activities when that judgment is necessary to avoid action repugnant to the obligations of the profession.
- (16)(A) Impeding an investigation under this chapter or unreasonably failing to reply, cooperate, or produce lawfully requested records in relation to such investigation.
- (B) The patient privilege set forth in 12 V.S.A. § 1612 shall not bar the licensee's obligations under this subsection (a) and a confidentiality agreement entered into in concluding a settlement of a civil claim shall not exempt the licensee from fulfilling his or her obligations under this subdivision (16).
- (17) Advertising, promoting, or recommending a therapy or treatment in a manner tending to deceive the public or to suggest a degree of reliability or efficacy unsupported by competent evidence and professional judgment.
- (18) Promotion by a treatment provider of the sale of drugs, devices, appliances, or goods provided for a patient or client in such a manner as to exploit the patient or client for the financial gain of the treatment provider, or selling, prescribing, giving away, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes.
- (19) Willful misrepresentation in treatments or therapies.
- (20) Offering, undertaking, or agreeing to cure or treat a disease or disorder by a secret method, procedure, treatment, or medicine.
- (21) Permitting one's name or license to be used by a person, group, or corporation when not actually in charge of or responsible for the professional services provided.
- (22) Prescribing, selling, administering, distributing, ordering, or dispensing any drug legally classified as a controlled substance for the licensee's own use or to an immediate family member as defined by rule.

- (23) For any professional with prescribing authority, signing a blank or undated prescription form or negligently failing to secure electronic means of prescribing.
- (24) For any mental health care provider, use of conversion therapy as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 8351 on a client younger than 18 years of age.

Method for communicating with licensing board

The Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners oversees all licensed mental health providers, including Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors. If you either wish to make a consumer inquiry or, or file a complaint with this Board, your inquiry or complaint may be addressed to:

Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners Office of Professional regulation
Office of Secretary of State - State of Vermont
265 Terrace Street, Drawer 09 Montpelier, VT 05609-1101
Tel: 802.828.2390