

This is an amendment to 16.27.13 NMAC, Section 9, effective 11/18/2025

16.27.13.9 APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE: A substance abuse associate (LSAA) must possess the following qualifications and provide the required documentation with the application.

- A.** Age requirement: Be at least 21 years of age.
- B.** Applicant must sign a statement provided in the application indicating the applicant has read the code of ethics and agrees to be bound and governed by the code of ethics.
- C.** Supervisory requirements: Applicant must have arranged for appropriate supervision, including an experience plan.
- D.** Holds at minimum an associate degree in counseling, counseling related field, or a substance abuse related field from an accredited institution and has a total of 90 clock hours of education and training in the areas of substance abuse counseling. The board may approve, on a case-by-case basis, applicants whose education is not in counseling, a counseling related field, or a substance abuse related field.
- E.** Documentation required for licensure:
 - (1)** a completed application as specified in 16.27.3.8 NMAC, and
 - (2)** proof of completed education requirements: the applicant is required to upload or submit an official transcript [~~in a sealed envelope~~] from each institution contributing to their associate, baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degree; the transcript [~~must~~] may be sent directly to the board office from the institution and may be submitted electronically; and
 - (3)** verification on attachment D of 90 clock hours of education and training in substance abuse, and
 - (4)** verification on attachment C that an appropriate supervisor has been obtained and an experience plan has been established and a signed statement is provided by the supervisor indicating the associate shall only participate in alcohol and drug abuse counseling sessions.

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