



NEW LAWS

[2023 WISCONSIN ACT 196](#)

2023 Assembly Bill 251

Effective Date: March 24, 2024

CLINICALLY TRAINED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

This law creates a new Tier I, “clinically trained mental health professional license” within WI Admin. Code PI 34. Under the new license, license holders would be permitted to work as a clinically trained mental health professional, however, individuals would not be authorized to work as a school social worker or a school counselor.

To receive a clinically trained mental health professional license, applicants must have all of the following:

1. A master's degree in marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, social work, or a similar field.
2. A valid clinical marriage and family therapy license, clinical professional counselor license, or clinical social worker license issued by the marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board.

In addition, to receive a clinically trained mental health professional license, applicants must agree to do all of the following:

1. Store, safeguard, and dispose of client records in ways that maintain confidentiality and comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) laws concerning the use and disclosure of protected health information.
2. Maintain accurate and adequate clinical and financial records in accordance with the federal HIPAA laws concerning the use and disclosure of protected health information.

The clinically trained mental health professional license will be valid for 2 years and will be renewable.

Notes: The full text of this Act can be found at: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/related/acts/196>.