

**Policy Regarding Entry on the Roster of
Nonlicensed and Noncertified Psychotherapists**

Vermont Statutes define a “psychotherapist who is nonlicensed and noncertified” to mean “...a person who practices psychotherapy and is neither a licensed psychologist, clinical social worker or mental health counselor, nor a certified marriage and family therapist or a psychoanalyst.” 26 V.S.A. § 4082(3).

§ 4083 of title 26 provides: “Prohibitions; penalties

(a) No person shall practice psychotherapy unless the person is entered on the roster of psychotherapists who are nonlicensed and noncertified.”

The policy of the Office of Professional Regulation interprets the statutes to require that persons practicing psychotherapy, including persons in Vermont engaged in supervised practice toward licensure as social workers, clinical mental health counselors, and marriage and family therapists must be entered on the roster.

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**Office of Professional Regulation
Social Workers
Interpretation of Law
Excluding Social Worker Students From Roster Registration
and
Requiring Roster Registration for Those Engaged in
Post Degree Supervised Practice Toward Licensure
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Vermont law requires those who provide psychotherapy to be on the Roster of nonlicensed and noncertified psychotherapists. 26 V.S.A. § 4081 et seq. To assure that those who are in supervised practice toward licensure as social workers are aware of the legal requirements for the practice of social work, the Office of Professional Regulation provides the following notice.

Notice

The Office interprets the roster registration requirement to apply to those who are engaged in post degree supervised practice towards licensure as social workers. Thus, any person who is engaged in supervised post-degree practice toward licensure as a social worker is required to register with the Office and be on the Roster of Non-Licensed and Non-Certified Psychotherapists. Those social worker students in accredited graduate programs who provide psychotherapy services in Vermont under the auspices of that program are not required to be on the roster. Any individual who is providing psychotherapy but who is not a student in an accredited graduate program in social work and who is not otherwise exempted by statute, is required to register and be on the roster.

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