

SECRETARY OF STATE- OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
Laws and Rules Relating to Licensed Clinical Social Workers- Vermont

3210. UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

(a) Unprofessional conduct shall include:

1. Fraudulent or deceptive procuring of a license
2. Willfully making or filing false reports or records in the practice of clinical social work, willfully impeding or obstructing the proper making or filing of reports or records, or willful failing to file the proper report or record;
3. Advertising which is intended to deceive the public;
4. Exercising undue influence on or taking improper advantage of a person using clinical social work service, or promoting the sale of services or goods in a manner which exploits a person for the financial gain of the practitioner or of a third party;
5. Failure to comply with statutes governing the practice of clinical social work;
6. Conviction of a crime that evidences an unfitness to practice clinical social work;
7. Failing to make available to succeeding health care professionals or institutions, upon written request of a person using clinical social work services, copies of that person's records in the possession or under the control of the clinical social worker;
8. Practicing clinical social work when medically or psychologically unfit to do so;
9. Failing to use a correct title in professional activity;
10. Conduct which evidences unfitness to practice clinical social work;
11. Gross or repeated malpractice;
12. 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 two years;
13. Harassing, intimidating, or abusing a client or patient;
14. Entering into an additional relationship with a client, supervisee, research participant or student that might impair the clinical social worker's objectivity or otherwise interfere with the clinical social worker's professional obligations;
15. Practicing outside or beyond a clinical social worker's area of training, experience or competence without appropriate supervision;

(b). After hearing, and upon a finding of unprofessional conduct, the special panel may take disciplinary action against a licensed clinical social worker of applicant.

To make a consumer inquiry or file a complaint, contact the Vermont Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulations, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05609 or call 802-828-2367.