



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2019-138A

Eric Ashmore, Executive Director  
State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure  
3815 N. Santa Fe, Suite 110  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

March 14, 2019

Dear Executive Director Ashmore:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure intends to take with respect to Licensed Professional Counselor ("LPC") applicant, M.T. The applicant forged a coaching report that indicated that the applicant successfully passed an exam, when the applicant had not passed the exam. The Board proposes to deny the application.

The Licensed Professional Counselors Act authorizes the Board to deny a license of any person who has "[e]ngaged in fraud or deceit in connection with services rendered or in establishing needed qualifications pursuant to the provisions of this act [.]” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 1912(A)(5). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to uphold the standards of LPCs.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy of protecting the public from an applicant that has not passed required tests.

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MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS  
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