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Eric Ashmore, Executive Director  
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Dear Director Ashmore:

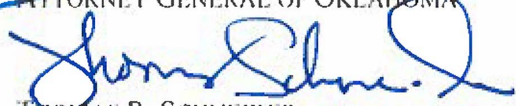
This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure intends to take in the Application for Licensure by Endorsement regarding M.M.

The License Behavioral Practitioner Act, 59 O.S. § 1930 *et seq.*, sets forth academic requirements for applicants for license. Under 59 O.S. § 1938, the Board can issue a license by endorsement to an applicant that is licensed in another state as a behavioral practitioner or under a similar title if such applicant has qualifications comparable to those required under the Act and the Board finds that the applicant meets those standards or qualifications. Among these standards is that applicants possess a graduate (master's) degree in psychology with coursework in the following areas: assessment and diagnosis; intervention; experimental foundations; psychopathology; personality and social psychology; professional orientation or ethics; biological bases of behavior; practicum or internship in behavioral health sciences. *See* 59 O.S. § 1935 and OAC 86:20-11-2.

In May 2022, M.M. applied for licensure by endorsement for a behavioral practitioner license. On review of M.M.'s application, the Board determined that M.M. did not possess a behavioral practitioner license in any other jurisdiction. Consequently, the Board reviewed academic transcripts submitted to them by M.M. The Board concluded that M.M. lacked the necessary academic qualifications required by the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act. The Board proposes to deny M.M. licensure by endorsement.

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 to uphold standards of educational competency and professionalism among behavioral practitioners.

  
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