

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 27 COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**  
**PART 13 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSOCIATE (LSAA)**  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005**

**16.27.13.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department Counseling and Therapy Practice Board  
[16.27.13.1 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.27.1, 6/15/2001]

**16.27.13.2 SCOPE:** All individuals applying for licensure as a substance abuse associate.  
[16.27.13.2 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.27.2, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.13.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These parts are promulgated pursuant to the Counselor and Therapist Practice Act, Sections 61-9A-1, 61-9A-3, 61-9A-5, 61-9A-9, 61-9A-14.1, 61-9A-15, 61-9A-23, and 61-9A-24 NMSA 1978 and the Uniform Licensing Act, Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.  
[16.27.13.3 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.27.3, 6/15/2001; A, 11/30/2021]

**16.27.13.4 DURATION:** Permanent.

**16.27.13.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 15, 2001 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.27.13.5 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.27.5, 6/15/2001]

**16.27.13.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 13 is to state the minimum requirements for licensure as a substance abuse associate and list the documentation required for application effective July 1, 2005.  
[16.27.13.6 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.27.6, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.13.7 DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]

**16.27.13.8 SUPERVISION:**

**A.** Supervision received for substance abuse associate must be provided by a licensed professional clinical mental health counselor (LPCC), licensed marriage and family therapist (LFMT), licensed professional art therapist (LPAT), psychologist, psychiatrist, licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor (LADAC) with three years of alcohol and drug abuse experience acquired after licensure, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatry or licensed independent or clinical social worker (LISW or LCSW). Supervisors must have experience in alcohol and drug abuse counseling. A licensed substance abuse associate must practice under supervision at all times. If the associate has completed the requirements for LADAC the associate must continue practicing under supervision until the associate has acquired the official LADAC license.

**B.** It is the responsibility of the individual seeking supervision to assure the supervision is acceptable for the level of licensure.  
[16.27.13.8 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.1.7.5.3&4, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 2/10/2006; A, 11/19/2007; A, 11/30/2021]

**16.27.13.9 APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:** A substance abuse associate (LSAA) must possess the following qualifications and provide the required documentation with the application.

**A.** Age requirement: Be at least 21 years of age.  
**B.** Applicant must sign a statement provided in the application indicating the applicant has read the code of ethics and agrees to be bound and governed by the code of ethics.  
**C.** Supervisory requirements: Applicant must have arranged for appropriate supervision, including an experience plan.

**D.** Holds at minimum an associate degree in counseling, counseling related field, or a substance abuse related field from an accredited institution and has a total of 90 clock hours of education and training in the areas of substance abuse counseling. The board may approve, on a case-by-case basis, applicants whose education is not in counseling, a counseling related field, or a substance abuse related field.

**E.** Documentation required for licensure:

(1) a completed application as specified in 16.27.3.8 NMAC, and

(2) proof of completed education requirements: the applicant is required to submit an official transcript in a sealed envelope from each institution contributing to their associate, baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degree; the transcript must be sent directly to the board office from the institution and may be submitted electronically; and

(3) verification on attachment D of 90 clock hours of education and training in substance abuse, and

(4) verification on attachment C that an appropriate supervisor has been obtained and an experience plan has been established and a signed statement is provided by the supervisor indicating the associate shall only participate in alcohol and drug abuse counseling sessions.

[16.27.13.9 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.27.8, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 2/10/2006; A, 11/19/2007; A, 11/30/2021]

**16.27.13.10 [RESERVED]**

[16.27.13.9 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.9.8&9, 6/15/2001; Repealed 7/1/2004]

**HISTORY OF 16.27.13 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Rule 2, Definitions, 3/24/1994

Rule2, Definitions, 3/20/1995

Rule 9, Licensure without examination, 3/24/1994

Rule 9, Licensure by credentials, 3/20/1995

Rule 10, Licensure by credentials, 3/24/1994

**History of Repealed Material:**

16 NMAC 27.27, Requirements for licensure as a Substance Abuse Intern Effective July 1, 2003- Repealed 6/15/2001

16 NMAC 27.9, Licensure by Credentials - Repealed 6/15/2001