

**21 NCAC 53 .0305            EXAMINATION**

(a) One of the following national exams shall be taken to complete the examination requirement for licensure as a licensed clinical mental health counselor associate and licensed clinical mental health counselor:

- (1) the National Counselor Examination (NCE);
- (2) the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE); or
- (3) the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination (CRC)

(b) The Board shall accept examinations administered by other state counselor licensing boards and licensed clinical mental health counselor credentialing associations if the Board determines that such examinations are equivalent to the NCE, NCMHCE, or CRC relative to content and minimum satisfactory performance levels for counselors.

(c) The completion of a no fail jurisprudence exam, as selected by the Board, is required for licensure application at each level (licensed clinical mental health counselor associate, license clinical mental health counselor, and licensed clinical mental health counselor supervisor) and for each consecutive renewal period. Applicants and renewing licensees shall submit documentation of completion of the no fail jurisprudence exam, taken within six months prior to application to the Board for licensure or within six months prior to the date of expiration of the license.

*History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 90-334(g),(h); 90-336(b)(3); 90-337;*  
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                      *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. April 27,*  
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                      *Amended Eff. January 1, 2020 (S.L. 2019-240, s. 3.(k)).*