

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.18101 Definitions.**

Sec. 18101. As used in this part:

(a) "Counseling principles, methods, or procedures" means a developmental approach that systematically assists an individual through the application of any of the following procedures:

(i) Evaluation and appraisal techniques. As used in this subparagraph, "appraisal techniques" means selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting instruments and procedures designed to assess an individual's aptitudes, interests, attitudes, abilities, achievements, and personal characteristics for developmental purposes and not for psychodiagnostic purposes.

(ii) Exploring alternative solutions.

(iii) Developing and providing a counseling plan for mental and emotional development.

(iv) Guidance.

(v) Psychoeducational consulting.

(vi) Learning theory.

(vii) Individual and group techniques emphasizing prevention.

(viii) Counseling techniques.

(ix) Behavioral modification techniques.

(x) Referrals. As used in this subparagraph, referral includes determining the need for referral to 1 or more statutorily regulated mental health professionals whose expertise, skills, and competence are appropriate to the problems of the individual, informing the individual of the referral, and communicating as appropriate with the professional to whom the individual has been referred.

(b) "Licensed professional counselor" means an individual licensed under this article to engage in the practice of counseling.

(c) "Limited licensed counselor" means an individual who has been granted a limited license by the board to offer counseling services under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor.

(d) "Practice of counseling" or "counseling" means the rendering to individuals, groups, families, organizations, or the general public a service involving the application of clinical counseling principles, methods, or procedures for the purpose of achieving social, personal, career, and emotional development and with the goal of promoting and enhancing healthy self actualizing and satisfying lifestyles whether the services are rendered in an educational, business, health, private practice, or human services setting. The practice of counseling does not include the practice of psychology except for those preventive techniques, counseling techniques, or behavior modification techniques for which the licensed professional counselor or limited licensed counselor has been specifically trained. The practice of counseling does not include the practice of medicine such as prescribing drugs or administering electroconvulsive therapy. A counselor shall not hold himself or herself out as a psychologist as defined in section 18201. A counselor shall not hold himself or herself out as a marriage and family counselor providing marriage counseling pursuant to section 1501 of the occupational code, Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1980, being section 339.1501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**History:** Add. 1988, Act 421, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of certain health-related functions, boards, and commissions from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-9, compiled at MCL 338.3501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**Popular name:** Act 368