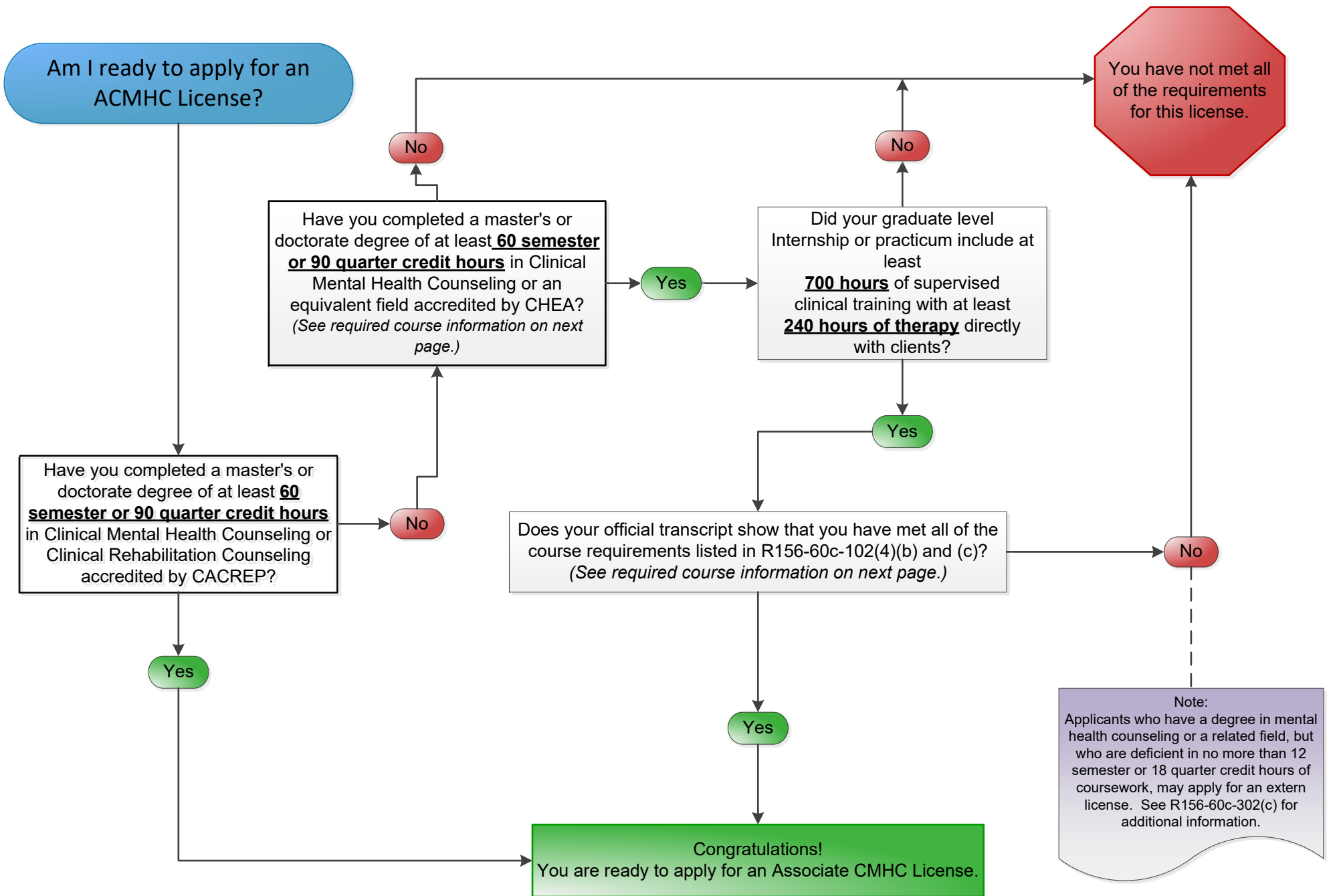
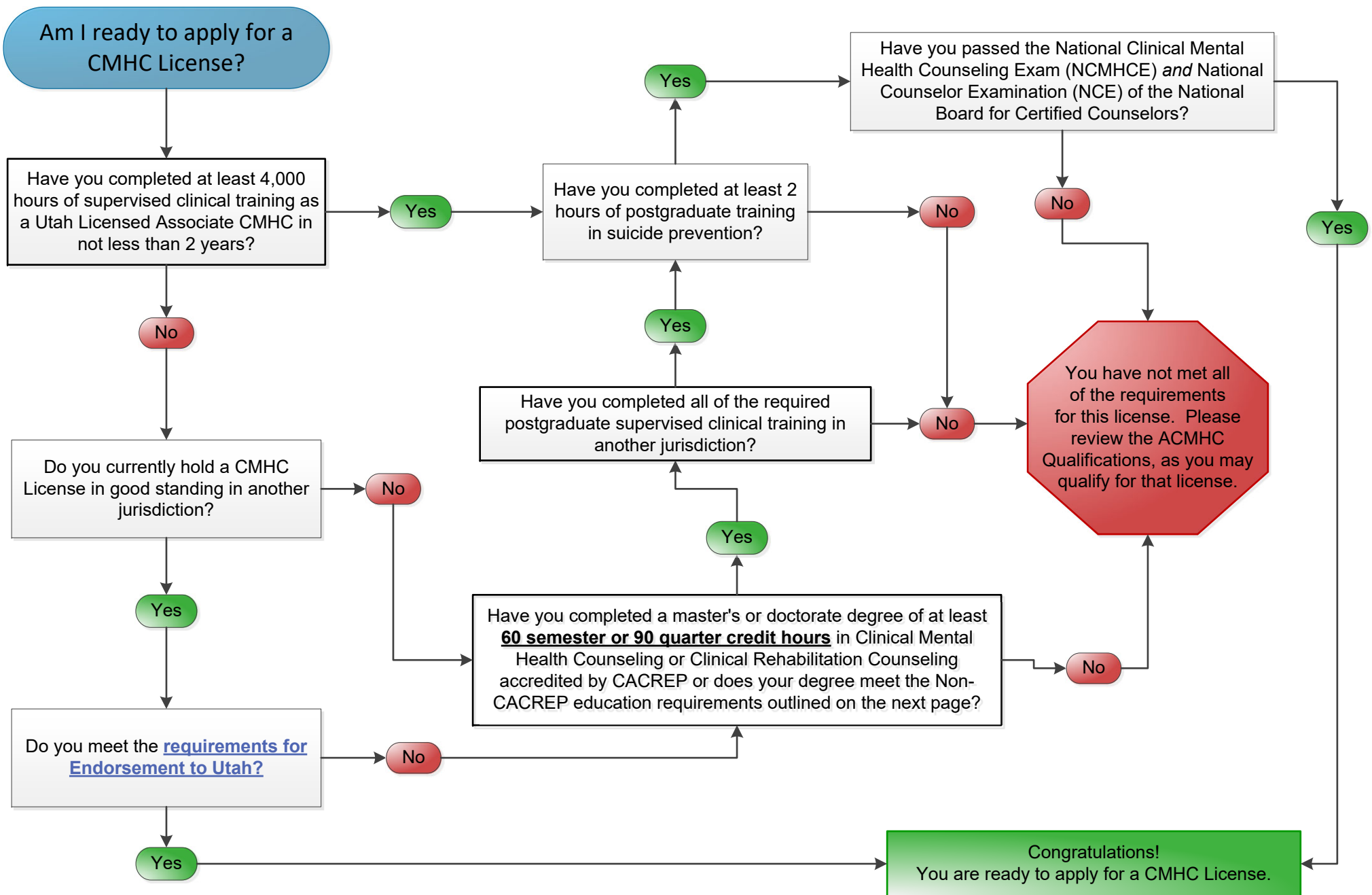


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# Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor Non-CACREP Course Requirements

Statute and rule allow for a non-CACREP program to qualify an individual for licensure if it is at least 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours and a master's or doctorate degree is conferred to the applicant in clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field from a program affiliated with an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Additionally, an equivalent program must include the following graduate level course work:

- (a) social and cultural diversity;
- (b) group counseling and group work;
- (c) human growth and development;
- (d) career development;
- (e) counseling and helping relationships;
- (f) substance-related and addictive disorders;
- (g) assessment and testing;
- (h) mental status examination and the appraisal of DSM maladaptive and psychopathological behavior;
- (i) research and program evaluation; and
- (j) include 700 documented hours of supervised clinical training from at least one practicum or internship, of which 240 hours consists of providing therapy directly to clients.

## Extern License

An extern license may be issued to an applicant who holds the required master's or doctoral degree, but is deficient in specific coursework.

(1) The applicant may complete these requirements post-degree to obtain licensure if:

(a) such coursework is completed through:

- (i) a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in clinical mental health counseling, clinical rehabilitation counseling, or counselor education and supervision from a program accredited by CACREP; or
- (ii) a master's or doctorate program in clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field from a program affiliated with an institution that has accreditation recognized by CHEA;

(b) coursework is taken and passed for full credit; and

(c) no more than 12 semester or 18 quarter credits are passed for the licensure.

(2) An individual who qualifies to complete requirements post-degree under this section, and who qualifies for temporary licensure as an associate clinical mental health counselor extern under Section 58-60-117, may engage in clinical mental health counseling.