

**20:68:03:02. Approved counseling program.** Academic requirements to become a professional counselor must be completed through a board approved counseling program. An approved counseling program is:

(1) A counseling program approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs; or

(2) An organized sequence of study in the area of counseling that includes graduate course work in each of the following areas:

(a) Counseling theory: including a study of basic theories, principles of counseling, and philosophical bases of the helping relationship;

(b) Counseling techniques: including individual counseling practices, methods, facilitative skills, and the application of these skills;

(c) Practicum: including a supervised training experience consisting of the provision of counseling to clients or groups seeking services from counselors;

(i) A practicum consists of no less than 100 hours, of which 40 hours are direct service;

(ii) Prior to the beginning of the practicum, the student must have completed a course in counseling theory and a course in counseling techniques; and

(iii) The practicum must be under the direction of a graduate faculty member; ~~and~~

~~(iv) The supervisor's evaluation of the trainee's work shall take place through face-to-face contact;~~

(d) Internship: including an on-the-job experience in professional counseling under the tutelage of an on-site supervisor ~~who is a licensed professional counselor or licensed mental~~

~~health therapist~~. The supervised internship may be no less than 600 hours of which 240 hours must be in direct services;

(e) Human growth and development: including studies that provide a broad understanding of the nature and needs of an individual at all developmental levels. Emphasis is placed on psychological, sociological, and physiological approaches, human behavior (normal and abnormal), personality theory, and learning theory;

(f) Social and cultural foundations: including studies of change, ethnic groups, subcultures, changing roles of women, sexism, racism, ethnocentrism, urban and rural societies, population patterns, cultural mores, use of leisure time, and differing life patterns;

(g) Group: including the study of group dynamics, group processes, practices and methods of group counseling, supervised practice, facilitative skills, and theory and types of groups;

(h) Life-style and career development: including vocational-choice theory, relationship of career choice to life-style, sources of occupational and educational information, approaches to career decision-making processes, and career development exploration techniques;

(i) Appraisal of the individual: including the development of a framework for understanding the individual, methods of data-gathering and interpretation, case study approaches, individual and group psychological and educational testing, and the study of individual differences with consideration of ethnic, cultural, and gender factors;

(j) Research and evaluation: including statistics, research design, the development of research and demonstration proposals, and the development and evaluation of program objectives; and

(k) Professional, legal, and ethical considerations: including the study of professional counseling organizations, codes of ethics, legal considerations, standards of preparation, certification and licensure, and the professional role identity of counselors.

**Source:** 18 SDR 67, effective October 16, 1991; 22 SDR 97, effective January 24, 1996; 25 SDR 85, effective December 22, 1998; 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-32-56.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-32-64.

**20:68:04:10. Post graduate supervision requirements -- Professional counselor.**

Post graduate supervision required for licensure as a professional counselor, as prescribed by SDCL 36-32-65, must take place pursuant to a board approved plan of supervision and consist of the following:

(1) A minimum of 1,000 hours of direct client contact. No more than 400 direct client contact hours may be acquired by counseling provided through electronic means, as prescribed by chapter 20:68:06. All other direct client contact hours must be acquired in-person;

(2) A minimum of 100 hours of supervision with a board approved supervisor. At least one hour of supervision must take place for every 20 hours of direct client contact by the supervisee. Supervision may be individual or with a group. For the purpose of this chapter, individual supervision is supervision between a supervisor and up to two supervisees. Group supervision is supervision between a supervisor and three or more supervisees. No more than 50 hours of the required supervision may be group supervision.

Supervision must include at least five hours of each of the following supervision ~~ethods~~ methods:

- (a) Presentation and staffing of cases;
- (b) ~~Critiquing of audio or video counseling;~~
- ~~——~~(c) Direct observations of the supervisee through in person or recorded sessions;
- (d) ~~(c)~~ Co-counseling with the supervisee; and
- (e) ~~(d)~~ Review of supervisee recordkeeping; and

(3) A minimum of 900 hours of counseling related activities. For purposes of this chapter, a supervisee accumulates 55 minutes of counseling related activity for each hour of direct client contact performed.

Supervision may take place by electronic means, as prescribed by chapter 20:68:06 and must be synchronous.

For the purpose of this chapter, a supervisee may count a maximum of 100 hours of personal counseling or therapy as direct client contact hours necessary to meet the requirements of subdivision 20:68:04:10(1). The personal counseling or therapy must be with a professional counselor, professional counselor-mental health, certified social worker-private independent practice, psychologist, or psychiatrist and is subject to verification by the board. Personal counseling or therapy may not be with the supervisee's approved supervisor. Personal counseling or therapy may be received through electronic means, as prescribed by chapter 20:68:06, or in person.

Direct client contact hours and supervision hours must be recorded on a form provided by the board. For purposes of this chapter, only hours acquired with a board approved supervisor may be compliant.

**Source:** 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-32-56.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-32-64.

**20:68:04:16. Completion or termination of post graduate plan of supervision.** An approved supervisor shall notify the board, in writing, of the completion or termination of an approved post graduate plan of supervision within 14 days of the completion or termination. The approved supervisor shall provide the supervisee with a completed verification of supervision hours, if applicable, within 14 days of the completion or termination of the post graduate plan of supervision.

A post graduate plan of supervision automatically terminates upon the issuance of a professional counselor license pursuant to SDCL 36-32-64.

**Source:** 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-32-56.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-32-64.

**20:68:05:01. Examinations.** The National Counselor Examination (NCE) or the Counselor Rehabilitation Certification Examination (CRC) is the examination required for licensure as a professional counselor. The applicant shall apply directly to the National Board for Certified Counselors or the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

**Source:** 18 SDR 67, effective October 16, 1991; 22 SDR 97, effective January 24, 1996; 25 SDR 85, effective December 22, 1998; 28 SDR 51, effective October 14, 2001; 34 SDR 73, effective September 17, 2007; 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-32-56.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-32-64.

**20:71:03:01. Approved examination.** ~~The board shall maintain membership in the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards to ensure the National Examination in Marital and Family Therapy may be offered in South Dakota~~ The Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board's National Examination in Marital and Family Therapy is required for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. An examination deemed equivalent to the National Examination in Marital and Family Therapy by the Board may be accepted for licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

**Source:** 22 SDR 97, effective January 24, 1996; 42 SDR 97, effective January 4, 2016; 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-33-71.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-33-43, 36-33-45, 36-33-46, 36-33-53.



**20:71:05:02. Post graduate supervision requirements -- Marriage and family therapist.** Post graduate supervision required for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, as prescribed by SDCL 36-33-43, must take place pursuant to a board approved plan of supervision and consist of the following:

(1) A minimum of 1,600 hours of direct client contact. No more than 1,000 direct client contact hours may be acquired by counseling provided through electronic means, as prescribed by chapter 20:71:08. All other direct client contact hours must be acquired in-person; and

(2) A minimum of 100 hours of supervision with a board approved supervisor. At least one hour of supervision must take place for every 20 hours of direct client contact by the supervisee. Supervision may be individual or with a group. For the purpose of this chapter, individual supervision is supervision between a supervisor and up to two supervisees. Group supervision is supervision between a supervisor and three or more supervisees. No more than 50 hours of the required supervision may be group supervision.

Supervision must include at least five hours of each of the following supervision methods:

- (a) Presentation and staffing of cases;
- (b) ~~Critiquing of audio or video counseling;~~
- ~~————~~(c) Direct observations of the supervisee through in person or recorded sessions;
- (d) ~~(c)~~ Co-counseling with the supervisee; and
- (e) ~~(d)~~ Review of supervisee recordkeeping.

Supervision may take place by electronic means, as prescribed by chapter 20:71:08 and must be synchronous.

For the purpose of this chapter, a supervisee may count a maximum of 100 hours of personal counseling or therapy as direct client contact hours necessary to meet the requirements of subdivision 20:71:02:06(5). The personal counseling or therapy must be with a professional counselor, professional counselor-mental health, certified social worker-private independent practice, psychologist, or psychiatrist and is subject to verification by the board. Personal counseling or therapy may not be with the supervisee's approved supervisor. Personal counseling or therapy may be received through electronic means, as prescribed by chapter 20:71:08, or in person.

Direct client contact hours and supervision hours must be recorded on a form provided by the board. For purposes of this chapter, only hours acquired with a board approved supervisor may be compliant.

**Source:** 25 SDR 85, effective December 22, 1998; 30 SDR 121, effective February 17, 2004; 42 SDR 97, effective January 4, 2016; 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-33-71.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-33-43.

**20:71:05:10. Completion or termination of post graduate plan of supervision.** An approved supervisor shall notify the board, in writing, of the completion or termination of an approved post graduate plan of supervision within 14 days of the completion or termination. The approved supervisor shall provide the supervisee with a completed verification of supervision hours, if applicable, within 14 days of the completion or termination of the post graduate plan of supervision.

A post graduate plan of supervision automatically terminates upon the issuance of a marriage and family therapist license pursuant to SDCL 36-33-43.

**Source:** 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-33-71.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-33-43.

**20:73:04:14. Completion or termination of post graduate plan of supervision.** An approved supervisor shall notify the board, in writing, of the completion or termination of an approved post graduate plan of supervision within 14 days of the completion or termination. The approved supervisor shall provide the supervisee with a completed verification of supervision hours, if applicable, within 14 days of the completion or termination of the post graduate plan of supervision.

A post graduate plan of supervision automatically terminates upon the issuance of a professional counselor-mental health license pursuant to SDCL 36-32-65.

**Source:** 47 SDR 42, effective October 14, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-32-56.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-32-65.