

South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held electronically, on September 30, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Central/8:00 a.m. Mountain, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered §§ 20:68:03:02, 20:68:04:10, 20:68:04:16, 20:68:05:01, 20:71:03:01, 20:71:05:02, 20:71:05:10, 20:73:04:14. Interested parties may attend the meeting virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87664889503?pwd=N2JZMjNDMVczN3djWHMxdVpJT2pEZz09> or by calling 1-312-626-6799. The Meeting ID 876-6488-9503 and passcode: 855254.

The effect of the rules will be to clarify requirements of an approved counseling program's practicum and internship requirements for education acceptable for licensure as a professional counselor; clarify the required methods of supervision for post graduate supervisees to allow flexibility in the required observation of supervisees seeking a professional counselor license or marriage and family therapist license; clarify that a post-graduate plan of supervision automatically expires upon issuance of a professional counselor, professional counselor-mental health, or marriage and family therapist license; add the Counselor Rehabilitation Certification Examination (CRC) as an acceptable national examination for meeting the requirements of licensure as a professional counselor; and allow the Board to accept an examination deemed equivalent to the Association of Marital and Family Regulatory Board's National Examination on Marital Therapy for purposes of meeting the examination requirement of licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

The reasons for adopting these rules are to provide clarity and update accepted examinations for licensure to reflect current professional standards and guidelines.

Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing at the hearing or by mailing them to the Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, PO Box 340, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501 or by emailing sdbce@midwestsolutionssd.com. Written comments must reach the Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists office on or before September 29, 2022 to be considered.

After the public hearing, the Board will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Individuals with Disabilities: Please contact the Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling 605-224-1721. You may also contact Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf at 1-800-877-1113.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from: South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, PO Box 340, Pierre, SD 57501. Copies of the proposed rules are also available at <http://rules.sd.gov>.

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