4.5-02.1-01 Definitions.  

Repealed effective January 1, 2008.

4.5-02.1-01-02. Licensure application.  

An application for a license to practice addiction counseling must be made to the state board of addiction counseling examiners on forms approved by the board. Each application for license must be accompanied by all of the following:

1. The required fee.
2. An official transcript verifying academic requirements and degree.
3. An official document verifying clinical training completion.
4. Documentation verifying a passing score on board-approved examinations.

History: Effective January 1, 2002.
General Authority: NDCC 43-45-04
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-45-04, 43-45-05.1

4.5-02.1-01-03. Academic requirements.  

Academic requirements related to the licensing of addiction counselors must be completed at a college or university accredited by one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States.

An applicant for licensure shall have at least one of the following:

1. A bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in addiction studies from a program accredited by the national addiction studies accreditation committee, the international coalition for addiction studies and education accreditation, or counsel for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs for addiction counseling; or
2. A bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in addiction studies or a closely related social science or health care field and a minimum of thirty-two total credit-hours in addiction studies is required. The thirty-two credit-hours must include academic course content in all of the following areas:

a. A minimum of three credits covering theory and techniques of treatment with all of the following content:
   (1) Evidence-based treatment methods and models, including those specific to addiction.
   (2) Assessment and diagnosis models based upon the current diagnostic and statistical manual of the American psychiatric association, including substance-related disorders.
   (3) Most current American society of addiction medicine patient criteria.
   (4) Interviewing process, skills, and techniques.
   (5) Individual counseling skills.
   (6) Testing instruments.
   (7) Documentation, report writing, and recordkeeping.
   (8) Verbal communication skills.

b. A minimum of three credits covering group counseling skills.

c. A minimum of three credits covering psychopharmacology.

d. A minimum of three credits covering dynamics of addition with all the following content:
   (1) Historical perspective of models of addiction.
   (2) Community support and self-help for people with substance disorders.
   (3) Contagious diseases related to substance abuse.

e. A minimum of three credits covering co-occurring disorders with all the following content:
   (1) Assessment and diagnosis models of substance-related disorders and co-occurring mental illnesses based upon the current diagnostic and statistical manual of the American psychiatric association.
   (2) Psychopathology, mental health, and mental illness in childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

f. A minimum of two credits covering professional ethics with all the following content:
   (1) Professional competence and standards.
   (2) Values and societal obligations.
   (3) Ethics and codes of conduct for professionals.
   (4) Ethical decisionmaking.
   (5) Malpractice and liability.
Federal and state regulations governing addiction counseling.

g. A minimum of three credits covering development through the entire lifespan.

h. A minimum of three credits covering family systems with all the following content:
   (1) Family functioning.
   (2) Family types.
   (3) Addiction in families.

i. A minimum of three credits covering multicultural diversity or cultural competence related to counseling.

History: Effective January 1, 2002; amended effective January 1, 2008; July 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 43-45-04

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-45-04, 43-45-05.1

4.5-02.1-01-04. Clinical training requirements.

The completion of one thousand four hundred hours in a clinical training program approved by the board is required for licensure. The trainee's registration and successful completion of the clinical training program must be verified in writing with the board by the clinical training program director.

1. Qualifications. To be eligible for registration as a clinical trainee, the following must be met:
   a. All core academic coursework must be completed, with the exception that two required curriculum addiction courses may be completed while registered as a clinical trainee.
   b. Acceptance in a board-approved addiction counseling clinical training program or a board-approved individualized clinical training plan supervised by a board-approved clinical training program.

2. Registration. Clinical training program directors requesting to register their clinical trainees shall make formal application to the board documenting their clinical trainees above qualifications.

3. Expiration. An individual's clinical trainee registration expires after two years. The clinical training period may be extended due to clinical supervisors' recommendations, individual circumstance, health circumstances, or other personal matters. Extension of the clinical portion of training is the responsibility of the clinical training program director.

4. Applicants who complete clinical training not approved by the board must demonstrate that the clinical training completed was substantially equivalent to that required by North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-45 and article 4.5-02.1.

5. One year of direct clinical counseling experience as a licensed mental health professional or addiction counselor is equivalent to one hundred fifty hours of clinical training. If the applicant is a licensed mental health professional other than an addiction counselor, a maximum of nine hundred hours of clinical training can be accepted for applicants with direct clinical counseling experience. The remaining five hundred hours of clinical training must include training in American society of addiction medicine patient criteria, current diagnostic and statistical manual, and the counselor domains. The hours in each area will be determined by the clinical training program where the trainee is registered. For the purposes of this subsection, mental health professional is defined as in North Dakota Century Code section 25-03.1-02.

History: Effective January 1, 2002; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.
4.5-02.1-01. Examination.

The applicant must pass the written examination as approved by the board. The written examination may be taken when offered anytime after the completion of the required academic coursework.

History: Effective January 1, 2002; amended effective April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.
General Authority: NDCC 43-45-04
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-45-04, 43-45-05.1

4.5-02.1-01.6. Reciprocity.

Repealed effective January 1, 2008.

4.5-02.1-01.6.1. Reciprocity.

For the purposes of reciprocity as set forth in subsection 2 of North Dakota Century Code section 43-45-05.1, a requirement of at least one thousand four hundred hours of supervised experience as an addiction counselor is at least substantially the same as the clinical training requirements in section 4.5-02.1-01-04.

History: Effective April 1, 2009.
General Authority: NDCC 43-45-04
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-45-04, 43-45-05.1

4.5-02.1-01.7. Fees.

1. Initial license fee:
   a. Application for license received on or after January first of the even-numbered year and before July first of the even-numbered year $300.00
   b. Application for license received on or after July first of the even-numbered year and before January first of the odd-numbered year $250.00
   c. Application for license received on or after January first of the odd-numbered year and before July first of the odd-numbered year $150.00
   d. Application for license received on or after July first of the odd-numbered year and before January first of the even-numbered year $100.00

2. Biennial renewal of license fee $300.00

3. Private practice initial fee $150.00

4. Late fee $100.00

5. Annual continuing education provider approval fee $100.00

6. Provider continuing education program approval fee $35.00

7. Fee for mailing list $20.00

8. Written examination fee is the national testing agency fee plus an additional board administrative fee of forty dollars.

The board has adopted the following nonrefundable fee payment schedule:
History: Effective January 1, 2002; amended effective January 1, 2008; April 1, 2009; July 1, 2014.
General Authority: NDCC 43-45-04
Law Implemented: NDCC 43-45-04, 43-45-07