This memorandum reviews the statutory and administrative requirements for licensure of selected mental health-related professions and educational programs within the state that meet the educational requirements for licensure of the professions. The professional licensing boards selected are the:

- Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners.
- Board of Counselor Examiners.
- North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners.
- State Board of Psychologist Examiners.
- State Board of Medical Examiners.

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<td>1. Successful completion of coursework set by the board.</td>
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<td>2. Successful completion of a written or oral examination set by the board.</td>
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<td>3. Completion of a clinical training program or accumulated experience set by the board.</td>
<td>3. At least two years of supervised experience or its equivalent as determined by the board.</td>
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<td>4. Agree to adhere to a code of professional conduct adopted by the board.</td>
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<td>1. a. Successful completion of a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in social work.</td>
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<td>b. A minimum of 32 credit-hours in specific course content; and</td>
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<td>c. An official transcript sent directly from the school to NDBACE.</td>
<td>2. Completion of two years of supervised experience.</td>
<td>2. Completion of the Association of Social Work Board's bachelor's or master's level examination with a score of 70 or better.</td>
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<td>2. Completion of a written examination.</td>
<td>3. The applicant will provide reference forms from a professor, adviser, and supervisor.</td>
<td>3. Acknowledgment of agreement with the board's social work ethics code by signing the notarized application.</td>
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<td>3. a. Completion of 1,400 hours of clinical training.</td>
<td>4. The applicant will provide a statement of &quot;intent to practice&quot; in the state.</td>
<td>4. Successful completion of a criminal background check.</td>
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<td>b. Reference forms from the three individuals listed on the application.</td>
<td>5. Completion of the national counselor examination.</td>
<td>5. Authorization for a child abuse information index check.</td>
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<td>4. Acknowledge agreement with the code of conduct by signing the application.</td>
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Fees
Section 43-45-04 authorizes the board to collect fees. The board has set the following application fee based on the date the application is received by the board office:
- $250 on or after January 1 of an even-numbered year and before July 1 of an even-numbered year.
- $200 on or after July 1 of an even-numbered year and before January 1 of an odd-numbered year.
- $150 on or after January 1 of an odd-numbered year and before July 1 of an odd-numbered year.
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The board has set the examination fee at $150.

Section 43-47-03 authorizes the board to collect fees for application. The board has set its initial licensure application fee at $150 and the examination fee at $50.

Section 43-41-04.1 gives the board the authority to collect fees for application. The board has set its initial licensure application fee at $25, the licensing fee at $75, and the examination fee at $230.

Educational Programs
Educational programs that meet the licensing requirements in North Dakota are offered by Minot State University, Jamestown College, and the University of North Dakota.

Educational programs that meet the licensing requirements in North Dakota are offered by North Dakota State University, the University of Mary, and the University of North Dakota.

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Other
The Century Code and the board also provide for a licensed associate professional counselor. This licensing designation has similar requirements except that the applicant must provide a written plan for obtaining the two years of supervised experience.

The Century Code and the board also provide for a licensed independent clinical social worker that requires work experience.

Board | State Board of Psychologist Examiners | State Board of Medical Examiners
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Statute | Chapter 43-32 contains the statutory authority for the State Board of Psychologist Examiners (NDBPE). | Chapter 43-17 contains the statutory authority for the State Board of Medical Examiners (NDBME).

Statutory Requirements for Licensure
Section 43-32-20 includes the following requirements for initial licensure:
1. Adhere to the American Psychological Association (APA) ethical principles of psychologists and a code of conduct adopted by the board.
2. Has received a doctorate degree in a program that is either accredited by the APA or the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), is designated as a doctoral program in psychology by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), or is accredited as a doctoral program in psychology by an accrediting body approved by the board.
3. Successful completion of a written or oral examination set by the board.

Section 43-17-18 includes the following requirements for initial licensure:
1. Successful completion of a medical licensure examination approved by the board.
2. Proven the applicant's physical, mental, and professional capability for the practice of medicine in a manner acceptable to the board.
3. Free of any findings by the board or other jurisdictions.
4. Successful completion of a doctor of medicine degree at a school acceptable to the board.
5. Satisfactory completion of one year of postgraduate training in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the board.
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<td>Completion of at least two full years of supervised professional experience, one year of which must be an internship program and one year of which may be postdoctoral. Both must comply with rules set by the board.</td>
<td>Satisfactory completion of 30 months of postgraduate training in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the board for applicants who are graduates of international schools. Applicants who are graduates of international schools must also present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has been awarded a certificate by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates.</td>
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**Administrative Requirements for Licensure**

The board has established the following licensing requirements:

1. Must acknowledge the applicant's agreement of the APA's ethical principles and the board's code of conduct by signing the application.
2. Has received a doctoral degree in psychology from an APA, a CPA, or an ASPPB program.
3. Successfully completed both a written and oral examination.
4. a. Completion of at least two full years of supervised professional experience, one year of which must be an internship program and one year of which may be postdoctoral.
   b. Notification of supervision of psychology resident is required on the application.

**The board has established the following licensing requirements:**

1. a. Successful completion of a written examination;
   b. Within a maximum of three attempts; and
   c. Within a seven-year period.
2. Proven by applicant's physical, mental, and professional capability for the practice of medicine in a manner acceptable to the board.
3. Provide a history of licensure applications.
4. Successful completion of a doctoral degree from a medical school within the United States or Canada from a board-approved school.
5. a. For applicants who received a doctoral degree from a medical school within the United States or Canada, adequate proof of completion of one year of postgraduate training approved by the board.
   b. For applicants who have received a doctoral degree from an international medical school, evidence of licensure adequate for board approval and adequate proof of completion of 30 months of postgraduate training in a program approved by the board within the United States or Canada.
   c. Applicants who are graduates of international schools must also present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has been awarded a certificate by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates.

**Fees**

Section 43-32-12 gives the board the authority to collect fees. The board has set its initial licensure application fee at $450 and the examination fee at $600.

Section 43-17-25 gives the board the authority to collect fees. The board has set its initial licensure application fee at $200 and an electronic application fee at $205.

**Educational Programs**

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Educational programs that meet the licensing requirements in North Dakota are offered at the University of North Dakota.