

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONS - LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

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.
- State Board of Psychologist Examiners.
- Board of Counselor Examiners.
- State Board of Medical Examiners.
- North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners.
- North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board.

Board	Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners	Board of Counselor Examiners	North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners
Statute	North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-45 contains the statutory authority for the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners (NDBACE).	Chapter 43-47 contains the statutory authority for the Board of Counselor Examiners (NDBCE).	Chapter 43-41 contains the statutory authority for the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners (NDBSWE).
Statutory Requirements for Licensure	<p>Section 43-45-05.1 includes the following requirements for initial licensure as a licensed addiction counselor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of coursework set by the board. 2. Successful completion of a written or oral examination set by the board. 3. Completion of a clinical training program or accumulated experience set by the board. 4. Agree to adhere to a code of professional conduct adopted by the board. 	<p>Section 43-47-06 includes the following requirements for initial licensure as a licensed professional counselor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of a master's degree from an accredited school or college in counseling or other program that meets standards determined by the board. 2. Successful completion of an examination set by the board.* 3. At least two years of supervised experience or its equivalent as determined by the board. 4. Provide personal and professional recommendations that meet the board's requirements. 5. Provide a statement of intent to practice describing the proposed use of the license. <p>*The board may waive the examination requirement when the applicant has been licensed to serve in another state.</p>	<p>Sections 43-41-04 and 43-41-04.2 includes the following requirements for initial licensure as a licensed social worker or a licensed certified social worker:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant has a baccalaureate, master's, or doctorate degree in social work. 2. Successful completion of an examination approved by the board. 3. Agrees to adhere to an ethics code adopted by the board. 4. Successful completion of a criminal history background check. 5. Provide written consent to a child abuse information index check.
Administrative Requirements for Licensure	<p>The board has established the following licensing requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a. Must have a bachelor's degree in addiction studies, psychology, social work, criminal justice, mental health counseling, nursing, or occupational therapy; <li style="padding-left: 20px;">b. A minimum of 32 credit-hours in specific course content; and <li style="padding-left: 20px;">c. An official transcript sent directly from the school to NDBACE. 2. Completion of a written examination. 3. a. Completion of 1,400 hours of clinical training. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Reference forms from the three individuals listed on the application. 4. Acknowledge agreement with the code of conduct by signing the application. 	<p>The board has established the following licensing requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a. Successful completion of a master's degree in counseling or closely related field. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">b. An official transcript sent directly from the school to NDBCE. 2. Completion of two years of supervised experience. 3. The applicant will provide reference forms from a professor, adviser, and supervisor. 4. The applicant will provide a statement of "intent to practice" in the state. 5. Completion of the national counselor examination. 	<p>The board has established the following licensing requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a. Successful completion of a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in social work. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">b. An official transcript sent directly from the school to NDBSWE. 2. Completion of the Association of Social Work Board's bachelor's or master's level examination with a score of 70 or better. 3. Acknowledgment of agreement with the board's social work ethics code by signing the notarized application. 4. Successful completion of a criminal background check. 5. Authorization for a child abuse information index check.

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Fees	<p>Section 43-45-04 authorizes the board to collect fees.</p> <p>The board has set the following application fee based on the date the application is received by the board office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$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. • \$100 on or after July 1 of an odd-numbered year and before January 1 of an even-numbered year. <p>The board has set the examination fee at \$150.</p>	<p>Section 43-47-03 authorizes the board to collect fees for application.</p> <p>The board has set its initial licensure application fee at \$150 and the examination fee at \$50.</p>	<p>Section 43-41-04.1 gives the board the authority to collect fees for application.</p> <p>The board has set its initial licensure application fee at \$25, the licensing fee at \$75, and the examination fee at \$230.</p>
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.	Educational programs that meet the licensing requirements in North Dakota are offered by Minot State University, North Dakota State University, and the University of North Dakota.
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	North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board
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).	Chapter 43-53 contains the statutory authority for the North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board (NDMFTB).
Statutory Requirements for Licensure	<p>Section 43-32-20 includes the following requirements for initial licensure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Section 43-17-18 includes the following requirements for initial licensure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Section 43-53-06 includes the following requirements for initial licensure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of a master's degree or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from a recognized educational institution, or a graduate degree in a comparable allied field, as determined by the board. 2. Successfully completed two calendar years of work experience in marriage and family therapy under qualified supervision following receipt of a qualifying degree. 3. Successful completion of an examination administered or adopted by the board. 4. Successful completion of a criminal history background check.

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	<p>4. 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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Administrative Requirements for Licensure</p>	<p>The board has established the following licensing requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>The board has established the following licensing requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>The board has established the following licensing requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of a master's or doctoral degree from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or an accredited school recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. 2. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Successful completion of 2,000 hours of clinical services to families, couples, and individuals. b. Successful completion of at least 300 hours of supervision. 3. Completion of the national examination administered by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulation Board. 4. Successful completion of a criminal background check.
<p>Fees</p>	<p>Section 43-32-12 gives the board the authority to collect fees.</p> <p>The board has set its initial licensure application fee at \$450 and the examination fee at \$600.</p>	<p>Section 43-17-25 gives the board the authority to collect fees.</p> <p>The board has set its initial licensure application fee at \$200 and an electronic application fee at \$205.</p>	<p>Section 43-53-09 gives the board the authority to collect fees.</p> <p>The board has set its initial licensure application fee at \$50 and a license fee of \$140.</p>
<p>Educational Programs</p>	<p>Educational programs that meet the licensing requirements in North Dakota are offered by North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota.</p>	<p>Educational programs that meet the licensing requirements in North Dakota are offered at the University of North Dakota.</p>	<p>Educational programs that meet the licensing requirements in North Dakota are offered at North Dakota State University.</p>