

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

This Board does not review an educational institution's counseling program, including distance learning programs, outside of the actual application for licensure.

1. Counseling Programs:

Academic programs are programs identified specifically as Masters Degree counseling programs in the graduate bulletin of the accredited school or college. These programs include ***counseling, counselor education, counseling and guidance, and counseling and development***. In addition to the master's degree in counseling, the applicant's graduate transcript must indicate a minimum of forty-eight semester credits (or seventy-two quarter hours), including coursework in the following areas:

counseling theories,	human growth and development,
counseling methods,	social and cultural foundations,
group counseling,	career and lifestyle development,
individual appraisal or testing,	professional orientation and ethics
statistics or research methods,	counseling practicum or internship.

2. Non-counseling programs:

Graduates from a master's degree program, in other closely related human services fields, may also meet the academic and training standards for licensure. In addition to the master's degree, the applicant's graduate transcripts must indicate a minimum of forty-eight semester credits (or seventy-two quarter hours), including coursework in the following areas:

counseling theories,	human growth and development,
counseling methods,	social and cultural foundations,
group counseling,	career and lifestyle developments,
individual appraisal or testing,	professional orientation and ethics
statistics or research methods,	counseling practicum or internship.

3. Distance Learning:

The North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners can accept the 48 semester hour Masters Degree Counseling programs offered through a distance education format, provided that:

- 1.) the following courses are completed in residence*: Group Process and Counseling Techniques;
- 2.) The Counseling Practicum is approved and supervised by the educational institution, and
- 3.) the applicant meets all other board education requirements. (See above).

"In residence" to mean: "in the class - on the campus - for a full semester."

[See ND Admin. Code - Section: 97-02-01-02, academic programs, in its entirety.](#)