### Counseling Licensure Requirements: South Dakota

## **Licensed Professional Counseling**

#### **Educational Requirement:**

- Master's degree or higher with an emphasis in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, "or equivalent program" from an accredited institution that includes specific coursework and a supervised practicum (100 hours) and internship (600 hours).
- 48 semester hours required for LPC licensure; 60 semester hours or completion of all required coursework for LPC-MH licensure.

#### **Experiential Requirements:**

#### LPC-MH

- Must already possess the 1<sup>st</sup> level LPC credential; and
- 2 years/2,000 hours of postmaster's direct client contact in a clinical setting and 100 hours of direct supervision, at least 50 hours of which shall be face-toface.
- 1,000 hours of post-master's direct client contact hours and 50 hours of face-to-face supervision earned under the LPC credential may be counted toward these requirements if LPC-MH supervision conditions were met.

#### LPC

2,000 hours of post-master's counseling experience, with 800 hours of direct client contact and 100 hours of direct supervision, at least 50 hours of which shall be face-to-face.

Exam Required: LPC-MH NCMHCE, LPC NCE

WEBSITE: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/examiners.aspx">http://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/examiners.aspx</a>

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LPC-MH Application fee: \$100 LCP-MH Initial Licensure fee: \$75

LPC Application fee: \$100 LPC Initial Licensure fee: \$100

#### **Marriage and Family Therapy**

- Receive a master's degree
- Apply for supervision
- Gain two years of documented supervised work experience
- Sit for the Examination in Marital and Family Therapy
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