

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(s) must indicate a minimum of sixty semester credits (or ninety quarter hours) related to counseling, including coursework in the following areas:

1. counseling theories,
2. counseling methods,
3. group counseling,
4. individual appraisal, assessment or testing,
5. counseling related research methods including content on statistical analysis of data sets,
6. human growth and development,
7. multicultural counseling,
8. career and lifestyle development,
9. professional orientation and ethics, must be three semester credits and include content on the profession of counseling and the ACA Code of Ethics.
10. counseling practicum (minimum 100 hrs) and internship (minimum 600 hrs) in supervised settings relevant to the practice of counseling.

2. Distance Learning:

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

- 1.) The Internship is done locally on-site
- 2.) The Counseling Practicum is approved and supervised by the educational institution, and
- 3.) the applicant meets all other board education requirements. (See above).

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