



How to Get Started on your Provisional Certification as a Problem Gambler Counselor

1. **Contact the State of Nebraska, Gambler's Assistance Program;** request a copy of the proposed Title 206 NAC Chapter 7 which lists all of the requirements that must be completed to become a provisionally certified problem gambler counselor.
Phone: 402-471-7792
Website: www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regtrack/index.cgi
2. **Pre-requisite:** Bachelors Degree in related field of psychology, counseling, social work, sociology, or human services in which the course work and training contributes to the development of a profession in the field of behavioral health.
3. **250 hours of core education (90 of which are gambling specific):** These hours may be completed through TAP or another educational institution. Distance learning and Continuing Education Units are not accepted as part of these hours. The hours must include the following:
 - Counseling Theories and Techniques (45 hours)
 - Multicultural Counseling (30 hours)
 - Human Growth and Development (30 hours)
 - Professional Ethics and Issues (15 hours)
 - Individual and Group Counseling (45 hours)
 - Problem Gambling Assessment, Case Management and Treatment (30 hours)
 - Problem Gambling Clinical Aspects (30 hours)
 - Problem Gambling and Medical/Psychosocial Aspects (30 hours)
4. **Complete 200 hours of supervised practicum:** You must obtain at least 10 hours in each of the required Six Critical Domains.
 - a. You are responsible for finding your own practical training and supervisor. It may be helpful for you to contact agencies in your area to inquire about internship possibilities.
 - b. Be sure the supervisor you choose is qualified to supervise you. Supervisor Requirements are outlined in the Title 206 NAC 7.
 - c. It may be helpful to have the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Gamblers Assistance Program mail you an Application for Provisional Certification prior to beginning your practical training. This will allow you see how many hours of training you must receive in each core function and allow you to document those hours as you complete them.
5. **Apply for your provisional certificate**—with the State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Gamblers Assistance Program.