

## Chapter SFC 14

### EQUIVALENCY OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

SFC 14.01 Academic program equivalent to a master's degree in professional counseling.

SFC 14.02 Academic program equivalent to a doctorate in professional counseling.

**Note:** Chapter SFC 14 was created as an emergency rule effective April 26, 1993.

**SFC 14.01 Academic program equivalent to a master's degree in professional counseling.** An academic program is the equivalent of a master's degree in professional counseling from an approved institution if the completed program meets the following criteria:

(1) The course work was completed at an institution which was accredited by its regional accrediting association at the time the applicant graduated from the program, and was part of a program of studies leading to a master's degree or doctoral degree in a field closely related to professional counseling.

(2) The course work included successful completion of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in a supervised counseling practicum; at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in a counseling theory course; and at least one course of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in at least 6 of the following 8 topic areas; and the course work included a total of at least 42 semester hours or 63 quarter hours of academic credit in counseling related courses distributed among at least 6 of the following 8 topic areas:

(a) Human growth and development — studies that provide a broad understanding of the nature and needs of individuals at all developmental levels, normal and abnormal human behavior, personality theory, and learning theory within appropriate cultural contexts.

(b) Social and cultural foundations — studies that provide a broad understanding of societal changes and trends, human roles, societal subgroups, social mores and interaction patterns, and differing lifestyles.

(c) The helping relationship — studies that provide a broad understanding of philosophic bases of helping processes, counseling theories and their applications, basic and advanced helping skills, consultation theories and their applications, client and helper self-understanding and self-development, and facilitation of client or consultee changes.

(d) Group dynamics processing and counseling — studies that provide a broad understanding of group development, dynamics, and counseling theories, group leadership styles, basic and advanced group counseling methods and skills, and other group approaches.

(e) Lifestyle and career development — studies that provide a broad understanding of career development theories; occupational and educational information sources and systems; career and leisure counseling, guidance and education; lifestyle and career decision making; career development program planning and resources; and effectiveness evaluation.

(f) Appraisal of individuals — studies that provide a broad understanding of group and individual educational and psycho-

metric theories and approaches to appraisal, data and information gathering methods, validity and reliability, psychometric statistics, factors influencing appraisals, and use of appraisals results in helping processes.

(g) Research and evaluation — studies that provide a broad understanding of types of research, basic statistics, research report development, research implementation, program evaluation, needs assessment, publication of research information, and ethical and legal considerations.

(h) Professional counseling orientation — studies that provide a broad understanding of professional roles and functions, professional goals and objectives, professional organizations and associations, professional history and trends, ethical and legal standards, professional preparation standards, and professional credentialing.

(3) For purposes of this section, one academic quarter credit is equivalent to two-thirds of one academic semester credit.

(4) To reach course equivalency, an applicant may take up to 12 credit hours of courses, which may include a supervised counseling practicum, outside of his or her master's program.

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**SFC 14.02 Academic program equivalent to a doctorate in professional counseling.** An academic program is the equivalent of a doctoral degree in professional counseling from an approved institution if the completed program meets the following criteria:

(1) The course work was completed at an institution which was accredited by its regional accrediting association at the time the applicant graduated from the program, and was part of a program of studies leading to a doctoral degree in a field closely related to professional counseling.

(2) The course work included successful completion of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in a supervised counseling practicum; at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in a counseling theory course; and at least one course of at least 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours academic credit in each of the 8 topic areas defined in s. SFC 14.01 (2); and the course work included at least 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours of academic credit distributed among those 8 counseling related topic areas.

(3) For purposes of this section, one academic quarter credit is equivalent to two-thirds of one academic semester credit.

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