SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF ADDICTION AND PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS

2026 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CHANGES, IMPLEMENTATION, FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, AND TIMELINE

The South Dakota Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals (BAPP) has adopted significant updates to its administrative rules under Article 20:80. These changes are intended to clarify and standardize the requirements for individuals pursuing certification or licensure in addiction counseling, prevention services, and peer support.

This page is intended to highlight the major changes and provide information regarding the changes and implementation process.

Supervisee Status

Effective November 1, 2026, all current addiction counselor trainees and prevention specialist trainees are elevated to their respective supervisee status. An updated GREEN certificate was mailed out this date. Please see below for the following statuses:

- Addiction Counselor Supervisee
- Prevention Specialist Supervisee
- Peer Support Specialist Supervisee
- Licensed Addiction Counselor Supervisee

Educational Requirements

The updated rules establish educational requirements for supervisees. Please see below for information regarding the educational requirements:

- Addiction Counselor Supervisee educational requirements
- Prevention Specialist Supervisee educational requirements
- Peer Support Specialist Supervisee educational requirements
- Licensed Addiction Counselor Supervisee educational requirements
    - A master's degree from an approved educational institution in a behavioral science field is required

Renewal Requirements

Supervisees are required to renew annually, up to four times in the same month their supervisee status is approved.

Beginning **November 1, 2027,** supervisees will be required to show progress towards their education within the last twelve months. Please contact the board if there are any questions regarding this renewal requirement.

Trainee Status

There is still a trainee status. You can view the application requirements for trainee status here. To review work experience and supervision requirements – certified addiction counselor OR licensed addiction counselor, you can view those in our administrative rules.

Board Approved Supervisors

The updated rules also establish a more structured approach to supervision for individuals pursuing certification or licensure.

Supervision must be provided by an individual who meets the Board's qualifications and has received Board approval to serve as a supervisor.

To review Board Approved Supervisor qualifications, please refer to our administrative rules.

Frequently Asked Questions – BAPP

- For Qualifications for Board Approved supervisors: If I took the supervision course and the treatment continuum course 10 years ago, am I qualified? Or do I need 8 hours of CEU in each category in addition to that by the end of the year? The new rule doesn't note a timeline for those courses so some are questioning what they actually need.

If you took the course, regardless of when, that meets the requirements for the course(s) to be a board approved supervisor. If the course is on a transcript is in your file from an original application with the Board, we can confirm it that way. If it was taken after initial credentialling or licensing, you would need to have a transcript sent directly to the Board to confirm the course(s).

After you are a Board Approved Supervisor, it will mimic that status with the Board of Counselors – you will have to renew and show CE that is taken within the 2 years of

renewing the status. There is no fee to renew the status and renewal will take place during the general renewal cycle for all CAC, LAC and CPS statuses.

- How do I know if I qualify to be a Board Approved Supervisor?

You can review the Board Approved Supervisor Applications for additional details. Our administrative rules regarding Board Approved Supervisors is also a great resource to determine whether you are eligible to become a board approved supervisor.

- Do I qualify to be an LAC-Supervisee?

LAC-Supervisees must have a master's degree in a behavioral science field and a minimum of 2 of the required courses for LAC. To determine whether or not you qualify as an LAC-Supervisee, please send our office an email indicating you would like to be considered and reviewed for LAC-Supervisee status. Please indicate your type of Master's degree and if we do not already have your transcripts on file, send us a copy. This can be emailed to bapp@midwestsolutionssd.com

- Will I have to show proof of progression towards the education requirements for certification or licensure during my annual renewal of my supervisee status?

Starting November 1, 2027, supervisees will be required to show progression towards their education for certification or licensure during their annual supervisee renewal. Please review the education requirements necessary for certification or licensure to ensure you are on track.

- What happens if I don't show progression towards the education requirements for certification or licensure during my annual renewal of my supervisee status?

Starting November 1, 2027, supervisees will be required to show progression towards their education for certification or licensure during their annual supervisee renewal. If you do not intend to complete any education requirements, you will be moved to trainee status.