

Kansas Problem Gambling Counselor Certification

Eligibility Requirements Effective October 1, 2009¹

(Revised December 15, 2008)

A. Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor Level I (KCGC I)²

On or after October 1, 2009, individuals seeking the KCGC I must hold a current certification as a National Certified Gambling Counselor **OR** meet all of the following conditions:

1. (a) Hold a Master's or Doctorate Degree in a related field from an accredited college or university, **OR**

(b) Hold a Bachelor's Degree and credentialed as a Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)/Addiction and Prevention Services (AAPS) alcohol and drug counselor, and
2. Complete a designated gambling specific training program approved by SRS Addiction and Prevention Services, and
3. Receive a passing score on the National/International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors, and
4. Complete 24 hours of supervision in problem gambling counseling for a period of up to 12 months of supervised experience in problem gambling counseling³, with no less than 1 hour of supervision each month, by a:
 - (a) Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor Level II (KCGC II), or
 - (b) National Board Approved Clinical Consultant (BACC), or
 - (c) National Certified Gambling Counselor II (NCGC II), or
 - (d) SRS approved KCGC Level I, or NCGC I, or
 - (e) SRS approved individual practicing in another state as a problem gambling counselor with equivalent experience and education as either a KCGC II or BACC.

¹ Individuals certified as a Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor (KCGC) prior to September 30, 2009 will be provided a renewed certification as a KCGC I or may apply for a KCGC II.

² State funded providers working as a KCGC I will be required to practice within an AAPS or MH licensed facility.

³ The supervised experience must be documented and include evidence of an assessment and evaluation of the counselor's KCGC professional competencies.

B. Provisional Certification as a KCGC I⁴

Individuals meeting the educational requirements of a KCGC I, as specified under conditions 1 and 2 of the KCGC I requirements, may apply for a provisional KCGC I certificate by meeting all of the following conditions:

1. Submission of a KCGC I application, including signing an agreement to abide by the KCGC practice ethics, and
2. Submission of a written plan including applicable dates to take and pass the National/International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors, not to exceed 365 days from completion of the SRS designated gambling specific training program, and
3. Submission of a written supervisory plan to complete 24 hours of supervision in problem gambling counseling for a period of up to 12 months of supervised experience in problem gambling counseling⁵, with no less than 1 hour of supervision each month, by a:
 - (a) Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor Level II (KCGC II), or
 - (b) National Board Approved Clinical Consultant (BACC), or
 - (c) National Certified Gambling Counselor II (NCGC II), or
 - (d) SRS approved KCGC Level I, or NCGC I, or
 - (e) SRS approved individual practicing in another state as a problem gambling counselor with equivalent experience and education as either a KCGC II or BACC.

⁴ Provisional certificate is a temporary credential that allows an individual to provide problem gambling treatment services. Provisional KCGC I status may be held a maximum of three (3) years.

⁵ The plan for supervision must include a timeline and methodology to assess and document the counselor's KCGC competencies and additional training needs.

C. Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor Level II (KCGC II)⁶

On or after October 1, 2009, individuals seeking the KCGC II must hold a current certification as a National Certified Gambling Counselor II **OR** meet all of the following conditions:

1. Be certified or qualify to be certified as a KCGC I, and
2. Be an independently licensed clinician in Kansas to diagnose using the latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, according to the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB), and
3. Complete 50 hours of supervision in problem gambling counseling for a period of up to 24 months of supervised experience in problem gambling counseling⁷, with no less than 1 hour of supervision each month, by a:
 - (a) National Board Approved Clinical Consultant (BACC), or
 - (b) National Certified Gambling Counselor Level II, or
 - (c) SRS approved Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor Level II (KCGC II).

D. Reciprocity Requirements for Kansas Problem Gambling Counselor Certifications

An individual who is currently practicing or has practiced as a problem gambling counselor and is licensed, certified, or credentialed by another state, territory, or country may qualify for Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor certification if the individual's certification meets or exceeds the requirements as determined by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

⁶ Only a KCGC II, who is also an independently licensed clinician by the BSRB, can contract outside of an AAPS or mental health (MH) facility license.

⁷ The supervised experience must be documented and include evidence of an assessment and evaluation of the counselor's KCGC II professional competencies.