



# Assessment Criteria and Process for Recognition of Education Programs

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The NSCCT board of directors recognizes programs accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counsellor Education Programs (CACEP) and programs deemed substantially equivalent to accredited programs.

An education program substantially equivalent to an accredited program meets the following criteria:

1. The degree is a graduate degree as per section 2(3)a and b from Regulations:
  - a) degree from government-authorized degree granting institution in Canada or a degree-granting institution in another country that has been recognized or authorized by a governmental or other authority approved by the Board; and
  - b) the program is subject to the oversight of a recognized external academic authority recognized by the Board.
2. The curriculum addresses the entry to practice competencies
3. Degree requirements include a course on professional ethics
4. Minimum # of credits or hours: 30
5. Practicum requirements (as per the Regulations):

- There is a supervised counselling practicum with a minimum of 120 hours of direct client counselling.
- Involves professional development and supervised practice in a counselling context.
- Students are expected to be involved in direct work with clients (individual, family, and/or group counselling) under the supervision of a qualified professional\*.
- These hours may include co-facilitation experiences. A qualified professional\* is a RCT or other regulated mental health professional.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. Curriculum is mapped to the entry to practice competencies by linking course content outlined on course syllabi.
2. The mapping is conducted by NSCCT staff and validated by the Registration Committee.
3. Significant gaps means content that would typically be covered in three or more courses.
4. Applicants with significant gaps in their education and training may:
  - a) Complete courses or a bridging practicum, determined by the Registration Committee, prior to registration; or
  - b) Engage in a pre-approved learning plan, approved by the Registration Committee, during their candidacy.