~~TITLE 201 CERTIFYING COMPULSIVE GAMBLING COUNSELORS~~

~~CHAPTER 1 DEFINITIONS~~

~~As used in these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:~~

~~Approved continuing education means courses, seminars, workshops, lectures, institutes, or training programs, that pertain to the clinical knowledge and skill base associated with compulsive gambling services, and which have been approved by the Division.~~

~~Assessment means the process used by a counselor to evaluate the nature and severity of the client's gambling-related problems and behaviors. This will include, but is not limited to, use of interview and testing techniques to identify potential co-morbid and/or medical disorders for which consultation or referral may be appropriate.~~

~~Board means the Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Advisory Board.~~

~~Case management means the coordination of client care throughout the treatment process. This will frequently involve referral to other professionals or support systems to match client needs with appropriate resources.~~

~~Certification means the process by which the Division sets minimum standards for compulsive gambling counselors and grants recognition of individuals who have met those standards.~~

~~Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselor (CCGC) means a person who has documented the standards for certification under 201 NAC and holds a valid certification issued by the Division. An individual may not represent himself or herself as a Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselor unless he/she holds a valid certificate issued by the Division.~~

~~Clinical supervision means supervision directed towards enhancing the clinical skills and competencies of individuals providing compulsive gambling counseling.~~

~~Code of ethics means the mandatory behavioral guidelines set forth in 201 NAC 5 to govern the conduct of certified compulsive gambling counselors.~~

~~Complainant means a person who has filed a complaint pursuant to 201 NAC against any person who is seeking or has obtained certification.~~

~~Compulsive gambling client means a person with a diagnosis of pathological gambling or problem gambling. It also refers to any individual significantly impacted by another's gambling behavior and who is the recipient of compulsive gambling counseling services.~~

~~Compulsive gambling counseling means rendering counseling services under clinical supervision to compulsive gambling clients for remuneration. Specific tasks must include, but not be limited to:~~

1. ~~Responding to client needs during periods of acute emotional and/or physical distress via application of appropriate counseling skills.~~
2. ~~Assisting individuals to evaluate their gambling habits, and to recognize compulsive/pathological gambling when it exists.~~
3. ~~Assisting clients through the counseling relationship to develop understanding, define goals, plan action, and change the compulsive gambling behavior, taking into consideration the client's interests, abilities, aptitudes, and needs.~~

~~Counselor performance domains means the duties required of a compulsive gambling counselor; namely, client, family, and community education, intake and assessment, counseling, case management, and professional responsibility.~~

~~Department means the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.~~

~~Division means the Division of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Addiction Services of the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

~~Education means formal classroom education/instruction in the form of workshops, seminars, institutes and college/university course work.~~

~~Gross incompetence means demonstrated lack of proficiency, skill or ability to perform the duties and functions of a compulsive gambling counselor to a high degree.~~

~~Hour of education means 60 minutes of instruction. One hour post secondary academic credit per semester constitutes 15 hours of education. An hour of post secondary academic credit per quarter constitutes 10 hours of education.~~

~~Intake means the process by which a client is oriented to the treatment process via review of therapeutic goals, costs, expectations, rights and responsibilities. This will also include the gathering of relevant client data for administrative, research, and clinical purposes with the client's informed consent.~~

~~Inactive certification means the voluntary termination of the right or privilege to practice compulsive gambling counseling, and use of the title certified. The certificate holder retains the right or privilege to represent himself or herself as having an inactive certificate.~~

~~Lapsed certification means the termination of the right or privilege to represent oneself as a certified compulsive gambling counselor, and to practice compulsive gambling counseling. This is considered the same as expired certification.~~

~~Must means a mandatory statement. The only acceptable action.~~

~~NAC means Nebraska Administrative Code.~~

~~Professional means an individual who possesses specialized knowledge and skills in a particular field of endeavor, which is readily accepted and recognized by other practitioners in the profession and the public, and for which remuneration for services is received.~~

~~Professional responsibility means adherence to the code of ethics outlined in 201 NAC 5, maintaining appropriate clinical records, seeking consultation when needed, and completion of continuing education for professional growth.~~

~~Significant other treatment means the utilization of special skills and knowledge in the provision of counseling to those people who are in a family or family-like relationship with a compulsive gambling client who are either impacted by the compulsive gambling and/or, in turn, impact the gambler. It includes the process of exploring the dynamics of the family system and facilitating appropriate changes as related to the compulsive gambling.~~

~~Verified means that the accuracy and truth of the statement or contents of a document are sworn before a notary public.~~