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## Draft Rule on Supervised Postgraduate Experience

**Title of Rule:** Rule on Supervised Postgraduate Experience

**Drafted:** April 25, 2024

**Meeting at which Rule will be discussed and voted on:**

**Public Comment:** Interested persons may electronically submit written comments on the proposed rule to [gsearls@clear-ams.org](mailto:gsearls@clear-ams.org) with the subject line “Counseling Compact Commission Rule Comment” or by attending the meeting at which the rule will be discussed and voted on. Written comments on the proposed rule must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. MT on April 18, 2026.

**Effective:** 30 days after Full Commission Approval.

**History:** March 28, 2024 Rule consideration tabled at Rules Committee Meeting.  
February 19, 2026 Rule draft presented and adopted by the Rules Committee  
March 4, 2026 Rule reviewed and adopted by the Executive Committee for public comment.

**Chapter 10:** Rulemaking on Supervision Experience

**Authority:** Section 3: State Participation in the Compact

Section 9: Establishment of the Counseling Compact Commission

Section 11: Rulemaking

**10.0 Purpose:** Pursuant to Section 3.A.4, and Section 9, a State must currently: Require Licensees to complete a supervised postgraduate professional experience as defined by the Commission.

The Counseling Compact Commission shall promulgate reasonable and lawful uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate the implementation and administration of the Counseling Compact. This rule will become effective upon passage by the Counseling Compact Commission as provided in Section 9 of the Counseling Compact.

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## 10.1 Definitions

- A. **Home State** means the Member State that is the Licensee's primary State of residence.
- B. **Licensed Professional Counselor** means a counselor licensed by a Member State, regardless of the title used by that State, to independently assess, diagnose, and treat behavioral health conditions.
- C. **Postgraduate professional experience** means the minimum hours and time frame required by a member state to obtain licensure at the independent level to assess, diagnose, and treat behavioral health conditions.

## 10.2 Supervised Postgraduate Professional Experience:

- A. Member States shall define and require completion of a formal supervision process in which an entry-level counselor, having completed a graduate-level education, works under the supervision of a qualified, licensed mental health professional to gain practical experience, enhance clinical skills, and ensure ethical and competent practice prior to full licensure. The postgraduate supervision program ensures that Licensed Professional Counselors are ethically and clinically prepared for independent practice as determined by the state.
- B. Successful completion of postgraduate professional experience, as determined by the Home State, shall satisfy the requirements of Section 3.A.4 of the Compact Law.