

2150.7510 COMPETENT PROVISION OF SERVICES.

Subpart 1. **Limits on practice.** Professional counselors shall limit practice to the client populations and services for which they have competence or for which they are developing competence.

Subp. 2. **Developing competence.** When the professional counselor is developing a competence in a service, method, procedure, or to treat a specific client population, the professional counselor shall obtain professional education, training, continuing education, consultation, supervision, or experience, or a combination thereof, necessary to demonstrate competence.

Subp. 3. **Experimental, emerging, or innovative services.** Professional counselors may offer experimental, emerging, or innovative services, methods, or procedures that are based on a scientific or practice foundation. However, when doing so, they have a heightened responsibility to understand and communicate the potential risks to clients, to use reasonable skill and safety, and to undertake appropriate preparation as required in subpart 2 to ensure that they provide such services, methods, or procedures competently and in a manner that protects clients from harm.

Subp. 4. **Limitations to scope of practice.** Professional counselors shall recognize the limitations to the scope of practice of professional counseling. When the needs of clients appear to be outside this scope, providers shall inform the clients that there may be other professional, technical, community, and administrative resources available to them. Providers shall assist with identifying such resources when it is in the best interests of clients to be provided with alternative or complementary services.

Subp. 5. **Burden of proof.** Whenever a complaint is submitted to the board involving violation of subparts 1 to 4, the burden of proof is upon the provider to demonstrate that the elements of competence have reasonably been met.

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