

## Training for Problem Gambling Counselors

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Let us know of other training opportunities to include in this list.

[State of Minnesota DHS](#). The state manages the network of problem gambling providers eligible for reimbursement through the state's problem gambling treatment program. When the list of providers needs to be expanded, the state will pay for the additional training required. This is currently offered through the [North American Training Institute](#) via an online course. Anyone may take this course for additional training.

Alcohol and Drug Counseling Programs: Some AOD programs are incorporating information on problem gambling into their curriculums. This is an area Northstar would like to see expand. For more information check with the individual schools

Project Turnabout / Vanguard: [Vanguard's Professional In Residence](#) program provides counselors an opportunity to work with the team at Vanguard's Problem Gambling Treatment Residential program in Granite Falls, Minnesota. The [Vanguard](#) compulsive gambling treatment program is a nationally recognized residential program for men and women who are experiencing problems due to compulsive gambling. It is currently the only residential program for problem gambling in Minnesota and one of a few in the nation.

[MAARCH](#) MARRCH is a professional association of chemical health agencies and individuals striving to raise awareness about the important issues surrounding chemical dependency and the power of recovery. As a collective body, MARRCH works to educate, support and guide individuals and agencies while speaking with a unified voice in public policy venues. This year's 2010 conference (October 26-28) will feature a full track of training on problem gambling.

Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance offers some workshops for professionals on problem gambling. Contact [rsvendsen@yahoo.com](mailto:rsvendsen@yahoo.com) to inquire about upcoming training opportunities.