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BOOK DESCRIPTION

The detail the new subtitle compresses, stated in full: Professional Counseling from Zero to License-Level Mastery — Foundations, All Six Domains of the Current Outline and the 2027 Blueprint, and Professional Practice. The apparatus, counted from the finished book: 1,310 original practice items, every one keyed with every option explained — a 50-item diagnostic scored by domain, 440 chapter-quiz items, 100 integrated vignette case-set items, two full 200-item timed forms in the current examination's own shape, the full 170-item three-option 2027 form in the published 2027 shape, and 150 repair items; 24 chapters; 30 labeled figures; a 604-entry glossary. This is the Dual-Era Edition: the current examination (administrations through June 30, 2027) and its published July 1, 2027 successor are taught side by side, each in its own dated frame, never blended. 1,310 original practice items, every one keyed with every option explained · Two full 200-item timed forms in the current examination's shape + the full 170-item three-option 2027 form · 30 labelled figures — 14 documents, settings & assessment artifacts, 16 diagrams · 604-entry

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