



Chemical Dependency Professionals Board
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TO: Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor I
FROM: Robert C. Field, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Phase-out of the CCDC I Certification

The OCDP Board would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming elimination of the CCDC I certification. Effective December 23, 2008, the CCDC I certification will no longer be a valid credential and individuals will no longer be permitted to provide services using this designation. This elimination is based on statute that went into effect December 23, 2002 with the passage of HB 496 (124th General Assembly).

Current CCDC I professionals should begin work immediately to meet requirements for the LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC credentials. These requirements and applications can be viewed and downloaded from our website at www.ocdp.ohio.gov or by contacting our office and requesting the appropriate application.

Two of the primary hurdles many CCDC I professionals will have to achieve are the completion of an associate's degree or higher in a behavioral science or a non-related bachelor's degree AND successful completion of the CPM oral examination. All CCDC I professionals will have to meet these requirements in order to advance to a higher level regardless of when they entered the certification process. There are no provisions that will allow a CCDC I to grandparent to a higher level without successful completion of an appropriate degree and the oral exam.

Again, be advised that after December 23, 2008 the CCDC I certification will no longer be a valid or acceptable credential for providing services in the field. Individuals who are unable to advance to a higher level in this time frame may apply with the OCDP Board for the status of Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) if they so choose. Individuals will not be awarded this status automatically.

The OCDP Board strongly encourages all CCDC I professionals to review the requirements for LCDC II, LCDC III and LICDC and to begin formulating their plan to successfully complete this process and receive their license before the CCDC I level is eliminated. Additionally, individuals should allow adequate time for application review and testing processes prior to the elimination date.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, feel free to visit our website at www.ocdp.ohio.gov, email our staff at credentialing@ocdp.state.oh.us or contact our office at 614-387-1110.