



**Chemical Dependency Professionals Board
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PROPOSED STATUTORY CHANGES TO OCDP TREATMENT CREDENTIALING

BACKGROUND

As part of its ongoing work force development efforts to encourage growth in the number of individuals holding the Chemical Dependency Counselor License and increase the proficiency of its entry level Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) certificate holders, the Board has identified a number of statutory changes that will increase access to its treatment license by reducing barriers and strengthening the foundational knowledge of its entry level workforce.

PURPOSE

Counter an anticipated shortage of chemical dependency treatment professionals due to an aging workforce

Create a pathway and incentive for new and existing behavioral health professionals to obtain the OCDP Chemical Dependency Counselor License

Ensure the continued development of a qualified and knowledgeable chemical dependency treatment workforce.

Create a more flexible, relevant and accessible Chemical Dependency Counselor License

Reduce excess licensure requirements relative to other behavioral health professions

KEY CHANGES

Realigns from three years to one year the amount of work experience required for OCDP chemical dependency counselor licensure

Require 180 hours of chemical dependency specific education, realigned from 270 hours

Require 220 hours of practical experience, realigned from 330 hours

Increase by 10 hours the amount of chemical dependency education a CDCA must obtain over their first three years of certification

Provides examination deemed status for licensed behavioral health professionals seeking the Chemical Dependency Counselor License

Current

Proposed

Significant Difference

CDCA: CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR ASSISTANT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently employed or volunteering in a chemical dependency position where the twelve core functions are used under supervision. • Forty (40) hours of approved education in chemical dependency counseling/clinical methods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide document with Registered Supervisor • Forty (40) hours of approved education in specific areas of chemical dependency counseling/clinical methods with initial application. If approved, applicant issued a 13 month certificate. • An additional thirty (30) hours of approved education in specific areas of chemical dependency counseling/clinical methods during first year at which time a new two year credential will be awarded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • education in specific content areas • total of 70 tiered hours: 40 prior to CDCA and 30 in the first year (12 months) of work

Comparison Matrix between the Current Education Hour Requirements and the Proposed Education Hour Requirements

	Initial Application Requirements	1st year (12 months)	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	Total
current	40	- 40 hrs Continuing Education - 20 hrs per year	20	- 40 hrs Continuing Education - 20 hrs per year	20	120
proposed	40	30	- 40 hrs Continuing Education - 20 hrs per year	20	20	130

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Significant Difference</u>
LCDC II: LICENSED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR II		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Associate’s degree in a behavioral science OR a Bachelor’s degree in any field. • Three years (6,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid or volunteer work experience. An Associate’s degree in a behavioral science may be substituted for 1,000 hours of work experience. • 270 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 330 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC written examination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Associate’s degree in a Behavioral Science or Nursing OR a Bachelor’s degree in any field. • One year (2,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid or supervised internship work experience. • 180 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 220 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC written examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add Nursing degree • realign required years work experience to 1 yr • included supervised internships in the work hours • realign the number of practical hours from 330 to the specific 220 • realign required hours CD specific education to reflect specific 180 hours only • SEE NOTE concerning IC&RC Reciprocity
LCDC III: LICENSED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR III		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science. • Two years (4,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid work experience. A Master's degree in a behavioral science may be substituted for 2,000 hours of work experience. • 270 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 330 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC written examination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science OR a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in Nursing. • One year (2,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid or supervised internship work experience. • 180 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 220 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC written examination. • No exam required for any licensed individual whose scope allows them to provide AOD services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add Nursing degree • realign required years work experience to 1 yr • included supervised internships in the work hours • realign the number of practical hours from 330 to the specific 220 • realign required hours CD specific education to reflect specific 180 hours only • SEE NOTE concerning IC&RC Reciprocity

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LICDC: LICENSED INDEPENDENT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of a Master's degree in a behavioral science with documentation of coursework in ten specific content areas. • Three years (6,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid work experience of which two years (4,000 hours) must be clinical supervisory experience. • 270 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 330 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. This may be completed as part of your work experience requirements. • 30 hours of clinical supervisory education in four specific content areas. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC and CS exams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of a Master's degree in a behavioral science with documentation of coursework in ten specific content areas. • One year (2,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid or supervised internship work experience. • 180 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 220 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. This may be completed as part of your work experience requirements. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC written examination • No exam required for any independently licensed individual whose scope allows them to provide AOD services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realign required years experience • included supervised internships in the required work hours • realign the number of practical hours from 330 to the specific 220 • realign required hours CD specific education to reflect specific 180 hours only • SEE NOTE concerning IC&RC Reciprocity
LICDC-S: LICENSED INDEPENDENT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR – SUPERVISOR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of a Master's degree in a behavioral science with documentation of coursework in ten specific content areas. • Three years (6,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid work experience of which two years (4,000 hours) must be clinical supervisory experience. • 270 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 330 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. This may be completed as part of your work experience requirements. • 30 hours of clinical supervisory education in four specific content areas. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC and CS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of a Master's degree in a behavioral science with documentation of coursework in ten specific content areas. • Three years (6,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related paid or supervised internship work experience of which one year (2,000 hours) must be clinical supervisory experience. • 180 hours of chemical dependency education in nine specific content areas. • 220 practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. This may be completed as part of your work experience requirements. • 30 hours of clinical supervisory education in four specific content areas. • Successful completion of the IC&RC ADC and CS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realign required years experience to 2 yrs • included supervised internships in the required work hours • realign the number of practical hours from 330 to the specific 220 • realign required hours CD specific education to reflect specific 180 hours only • Those currently holding a LICDC will automatically receive this license • SEE NOTE CONCERNING

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IC&RC Reciprocity

- New licenses issued under these proposed changes will be non-reciprocal through IC&RC
- Individuals can still obtain IC&RC reciprocity by meeting IC&RC requirements
- Individuals currently licensed will continue to be IC&RC reciprocal
- The CDCA certification continues to be non-reciprocal through IC&RC

