



CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS BOARD DIAGNOSTIC TRAINING REQUIREMENT INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THE ATTACHED GRID.

A CCDC III or CCDC III-E who wishes to grandparent to the LICDC without holding a master's degree in a behavioral science must provide verification of completion of not less than 40 hours of diagnostic education. They must also have been certified as a CCDC at any level for not less than (8) eight consecutive years.

A CCDC II who wishes to grandparent to the LCDC III must hold a bachelor's degree in a behavioral science. They must also provide verification of completion of not less than 40 hours of diagnostic education.

A CCDC I or RC are not eligible to grandparent to the LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC and therefore do not need to complete the diagnostic training requirement.

Grandparenting requirements are mandated in state statute and state rule. As such, the board is not permitted to deviate from these guidelines.

I. OVERVIEW

The purpose of the requirement for education in diagnosis is to assure that LICDCs and LCDC IIIs are properly prepared for the diagnostic functions allowed under the statute establishing those credentials. There are two principle diagnostic functions: the diagnosis of substance use disorders and the recognition of signs, symptoms or indications of other mental or emotional disorders that should prompt referral for further evaluation to professionals qualified to diagnose such disorders. The guiding principle in evaluating educational credits will be the extent to which the educational activity in question contributes to competency in the areas described below.

II. REQUIREMENTS

Individuals must obtain forty (40) hours of training on the version of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders that is current at the time of the training, including 12 clock hours in substance related disorders or chemical dependency conditions and 12 clock hours in the awareness of other mental and emotional disorders. The training must have been provided by an individual authorized to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, a licensed psychologist, a licensed professional clinical counselor or a licensed independent social worker. A licensed independent chemical

dependency counselor who holds at least a master's degree in a behavioral science may provide the portion of the training on chemical dependency conditions.

To summarize, of the 40 required diagnostic training hours:

- **A minimum of 12 of the 40 educational hours must be specific to diagnosing chemical dependency conditions.**
- **A minimum of 12 of the 40 educational hours must be specific to diagnosing general mental health conditions.**
- **The remaining 16 of the 40 educational hours must be diagnostic specific in either chemical dependency or general mental health conditions.**

The forty (40) hours of training do not need to represent a single cause or set of related course offerings. Individual courses that meet only a portion of the requirement will be acceptable. If the 40 hours of diagnostic education also meet the criteria of the 2 year renewal application, those hours may also be used toward renewal hours.

III. CONTENT AREAS

The following will be considered evidence that a course meets the requirements set forth. The Board or those designated by the Board to evaluate may determine the content of a course by examining brochures, outlines, course descriptions, etc. Course content may focus on any of the following areas applied to diagnosis in general or to the diagnosis of any specific condition:

DSM

This category may include training on the biological basis of the DSM, including the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), the multiaxial system, any specific axis, epidemiology, the history and evolution of the DSM, coding and reporting procedures, DSM classification, and decision tree process.

Dual Diagnosis

In the field of addictions, this refers to training that studies substance related disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders. In the field of mental health, it can refer to any co-occurring disorders including medical diagnosis as a function of substance related disorders, stress related disorders or medical disorders that exacerbate or influence substance related or mental health disorders.

Assessment & Diagnosis

This category may include training in differential diagnosis, problem identification and assessment, multi-dimensional assessment, multi-axial

diagnosis, holistic assessment, multicultural assessment and diagnosis, and gender specific diagnostic issues.

Diagnostic and Assessment Tools

This category may include training in SASSI, Addiction Severity Index, Biopsychosocial, MAST, South Oaks Gambling Instrument, various affect and mood disorder scales, personality tests and subscales and statistical analysis of reliability and validity of various instrumentation.

Substance Related Disorders/Chemical Dependency Conditions

This category may include training in substance-induced disorders, specific substance disorders, substance use disorders, including substance abuse disorders, chemical dependency disorders, “other” or unknown substance related disorders and substance misuse.

Awareness of Mental & Emotional Disorders

This category may include training in diagnosis of a number of specific disorders including, but not limited to, depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, psychotic disorders, compulsive behavior disorders, personality disorders, mood disorders, sexual disorders and eating disorders.

IV. DOCUMENTATION

Individuals must log the required diagnostic hours on the Diagnostic Training Grid. Training titles, dates and hours should be listed on the grid form. Individuals must verify completion of these courses. Acceptable forms of verification for these 40 hours include copies of transcripts, certificates of completion or letters of participation. **Additionally, it is the applicant’s responsibility to provide the name of the instructor(s) and the instructor(s) appropriate credential/license if this information is not listed on the transcript or certificate.** Instructor(s) must possess one of the following credentials in order to be authorized to instruct these diagnostic courses: LPCC, LISW, MD or Licensed Psychologist. An LICDC may provide the chemical dependency portion of the requirement only. Coursework that is submitted without documentation of appropriate instructor(s) and credentials will not be accepted.

For questions regarding diagnostic training requirements, please call the OCDP Board office at (614) 387-1110, email our staff at credentialing@ocdp.state.oh.us or visit our website at www.ocdp.ohio.gov.