



Ohio

Chemical Dependency
Professionals Board

END OF 2022 UPDATES

Message from Executive Director

It has been a busy year and the board staff appreciates the patience of our applicants and certificate/license holders as the Board of Directors and staff continue to make improvements to meet the needs of our incredible workforce, while also serving our purpose to protect the public. Below are a few of the changes in the coming months and important information. Happy New Year!

LICDC REQUIREMENTS

Many LICDC applicants have been waiting to see if changes in the ORC would be made to remove the 40-semester hour master's degree requirement and the list of specific coursework that needed to be obtained *within* that master's degree would be changed through legislation. That change was included in HB509 which passed this month and at the time of publication is awaiting the Governor's signature. This is excellent news for those applicants and the field as now the Board can modernize the requirements for the independent license within the rule making process.

The Board committees and staff will be working on the OAC rule changes in the beginning part of 2023. It will have to be approved by the Board at their February Board meeting and then go through the entire rule approval process. This will include time for public comment and a public hearing. It is a major priority for our Board, but it will require some time and the board staff can only currently approve applications that meet the required rule requirement for the LICDC license in the OAC 4758-5-05. Please continue to be patient and look for further communication from the board.

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-4758-5-05>

For any LICDC applicants that submitted in 2021 and 2022 and were told to wait until HB452 passed, as soon as the new OAC rule is approved, our license reviewer will re-review your LICDC application. Please do not email the reviewer at this time as she is unable to review until the new rule in the OAC is passed.

NEW IC & RC EXAMS

The Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) exam and the Prevention Specialist (PS) exam have both undergone a job analysis review and updated exams will be issued after March 1, 2023. After this date, everyone will take the new exam. Please read thoroughly the NEW Candidate Guides on our website under Examinations, also at the links below.

Candidates preparing to take the **updated ADC examination** (on or after March 1), can find the **new Candidate Guide**, posted on IC&RC's website, under 'Examinations' and 'Exam Study Materials'. Candidates preparing to take the **updated PS examination** (on or after March 1), will soon find the **new Candidate Guide**, posted on IC&RC's website, under 'Examinations' and 'Exam Study Materials'.

<https://internationalcredentialing.org/>

Taking an IC &RC exam by **remote proctoring** is now offered. At the point when choosing the exam location, the option can be chosen for remote. Please make sure all the information about remote proctoring is read, and ensure the correct equipment and setting of the room meets the requirements for taking the exam by remote proctor. If there are any concerns about remote proctoring, elect to take the exam at an exam site.

EXPIRATION DATES OF RENEWED LICENSES

After Jan 2nd, when a renewable certificate or license is renewed, the next expiration date will remain two years from the original expiration date. Elicense allows up to 90 days prior to an expiration date to renew. Late renewals will change the expiration date to two years from the date of the late renewal. All CEUS to meet the renewal requirements should be uploaded into your personal CE Broker account **PRIOR** to renewing in elicense. License/Certificate holders can check their status or expiration date at elicense.ohio.gov at any time.

RENEWING and HOLDING BOTH A renewable CDCA, LCDCI/III or LICDC AND an OSPSA, OCPS or OCPC

Those holding both an active treatment and prevention certificate/license listed above with our Board currently may receive a dual discount. However **BEFORE paying elicense for renewal**, send an email request to info@ocdp.ohio.gov to request a discount. The subject line of the email should be **Dual License Discount Request**. Board staff will apply the discounted fee to the payment Cart within 1 business day from the date of the request and send an emailed response on how to proceed. **DO NOT** pay for a renewal until the email response from the Board is received instructing that the discounted fee has been applied to the cart. After March 1st those who do not follow the instructions will not receive a refund.

CDCA EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

When applying for the CDCA renewable certificate, applicants may NOT use the same continuing education courses submitted and approved for the CDCA PRE certificate. The intent of the 40 hours of education for the CDCA PRE and the additional 30 hours of education for the CDCA renewable certification was to gain additional knowledge in the designated content areas. Those who are awarded the CDCA PRE, must make sure not to repeat the same continuing education courses from the same provider in order to use those hours to apply for the renewable CDCA certificate.

It is the applicants' responsibilities to make sure they do not repeat the same courses from the same educational provider, even if the educational provider promotes a CDCA package.

CDCA SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

The board is aware of an increasing number of CDCA's that are not aware of their required supervision to meet the requirement under OAC 4758-5-15, or that supervision rule applies to them. Those who hold a CDCA or provide supervision to those holding a CDCA, please be aware and follow not only the scope of practice of the CDCA, but this entire supervision rule as well.

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-4758-6-15>

“Individuals shall receive one hour of face to face clinical supervision for every forty hours worked where substance use disorder treatment services are delivered or within the scope of practice of a chemical dependency counselor assistant.”

For more information see FAQ's tab, CDCA Supervision, on our website.

TELEHEALTH RULES

By request, here are two of the rules that mention Telehealth for our license holders. The licensing board cannot provide legal advice; please consult with legal counsel regarding questions about telehealth.

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4758.80>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4743.09>

GAMBLING ENDORSEMENT

Those who hold a LCDCII, LCDCIII, LICDC or LICDC- CS are eligible to apply for the Gambling endorsement to expand their scope of practice. See the requirements under Endorsements on the OCDP website. Applicants must complete 30 hours of gambling specific education with a minimum of 4 hours in EACH of the content areas: Knowledge of Gambling Disorder; Gambling Counseling Practice; Special Issues in Gambling Treatment; Professionalism in Gambling Treatment

PAYMENTS IN ELICENSE

If you are renewing or paying for an application in elicense, please make sure the billing address including zip code for the credit card matches exactly what is entered in the elicense payment screen. If a payment is declined within elicense, contact your bank to verify all the contact information you entered matches what the bank has for the credit card you are trying to use.

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AT ADDICTION STUDIES INSTITUTE

The 2023 Addiction Studies Institute annual conference is seeking presenters in the field of addiction services to share your expertise during our virtual conference on July 20 – 21, 2023!

If you are a counselor, professor, or have an interest in sharing what you know, if you would like to provide insights on best practices or want to connect with leaders in the field of addiction services, please submit your speaker proposal by **February 28, 2023**. Use the document links below for directions on how to submit your proposal. All speakers will receive complimentary conference registration based upon their speaking commitment.

- [Call for proposal process](#)
- [Board specific guidelines for ethics and supervision credit](#)
- [Speaker proposal form](#)

Did you know that OAC 4758-13-01 (A) (3) will allow a renewable certificate or license holder to earn a maximum of ten CEUs for presenting a workshop or teaching chemical dependency related courses? One CEU is given for each contact hour of training. Credit is not granted for preparation time. CDCA's and OCPSA's may not present independently and must have a co-presenter that is able to supervise under the respective scope of practice.