



**Ohio**

**Chemical Dependency  
Professionals Board**

## **GAMBLING DISORDER ENDORSEMENT EDUCATION CONTENT AREAS**

The following represent content area descriptions appropriate for Gambling Endorsement education.

### **Basic Knowledge of Gambling Disorder**

- Understanding the history, prevalence and social impact of gambling in the US
- Understanding the history and theoretical basis for treatment of gambling disorder as well as familiarity with current research and literature in the field
- Knowledge of gambling disorder terminology, progression of the disorder, and withdrawal symptoms
- Knowledge of client evaluations for gambling disorder including screening, intake, assessment and diagnostic criteria

### **Gambling Counseling Practice**

- Understanding the effect of gambling disorder on the gambler personally, interpersonally, financially, as well as management of the disorder and the recovery process
- Knowledge of skills in gambling disorder treatment including individual, group and family counseling, interventions and treatment planning
- Understanding the relationship of gambling disorder to substance abuse
- Understanding of sociocultural values and attitude systems related to finances, gambling disorder and spiritual concerns
- Knowledge of client care in gambling disorder treatment including case management, referral resources, report and record keeping, and consultation.
- Knowledge of the steps, traditions and philosophy of Gamblers Anonymous, its relation to various treatments and the programs of Gam-Anon and Gam-A-Teen

### **Special Issues in Gambling Treatment**

- Understanding special populations as it relates to gambling disorder including adolescents, older adults, female gamblers, cultural minorities and criminal justice
- Knowledge of relapse and relapse prevention as it relates to gambling disorder
- Understanding suicide, co-occurring disorders and chronic illness as it relates to gambling disorder

### **Professionalism in Gambling Treatment**

- Understanding administrative and clinical supervision as it relates to gambling disorder treatment
- Knowledge of client rights in gambling disorder treatment including confidentiality, informed consent, and non-discrimination
- Knowledge of counselor responsibilities in gambling disorder treatment including reporting duties, client welfare, inter-professional relationships and continuous quality improvement