

Credentials – Advanced Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor (AADC)

Certification Standards

Experience: One year (2,000 hours) of supervised work experience under a Master's Level License or Certification with a Behavioral Science degree is the requirement for the Advanced Alcohol Drug Counselor (AADC) credential. Supervised work experience is defined as paid or voluntary experience as a counselor who provides direct counseling services to AODA clients. An AODA client is a person with a diagnosis of alcohol and/or other drug abuse or dependency. Supervised work experience must be in the IC&RC/AODA performance domains of Clinical Evaluation, Treatment Planning, Referral, Service Co-ordination, Counseling, Client, Family and Community Education, Documentation, Professional and Ethical Responsibility, Research Design, Analysis and Utilization, and Clinical Supervision. All experience must be documented as outlined in the ASACB Application and Standards manual. All AADC's must live or work 51% of the time within Arkansas jurisdiction.

Education: The education requirement is a Master's degree in a Behavioral Science or Human Services field with a clinical application (i.e. supervised practicum) from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university. Additionally, 180 hours specific to the domains is required, including six (6) clock hours in Co-occurring disorders ethics.

Training/Supervised Practicum: A practicum is defined as a formal, systematic process that focuses on skill development and integration of knowledge. The 300-hour supervised practicum training must take place in a setting where AODA counseling is being provided. The practicum training hours **must be directly supervised Certified Clinical Supervisor (CS) registered with ASACB** and must be specifically related to the knowledge and skills necessary to perform all of the IC&RC/AODA Twelve Core Functions with at least ten (10) hours in each core function. Direct supervision is defined as one-on-one supervision, group supervision or direct observation of skills within the core functions. The practicum may occur as part of the eligible work experience and may be completed under more than one supervisor or agency. All practicum training hours must be documented as outlined in the ASACB Application and Standards manual.

Code of Ethics: The applicant must sign the ASACB code of ethics which is published in the Application and Standards manual.

Re-certification: 40 hours of approved continuing education must be earned within the two-year certification cycle. November 1 of odd numbered years is the current re-certification deadline for this credential.

Fees

A non-refundable \$250.00 testing fee payment in the form of a personal check, travelers' check,

cashier's check, money order or credit card through our online Certemy software is required as a part of the testing portfolio. **CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED.** Note: The \$250.00 testing fee payment allows for one (1) computer examination. A \$250.00 testing fee will be assessed for each subsequent written examination. Exams can only be cancelled or rescheduled (5 days) or more PRIOR to your scheduled examination date. Cancelling or rescheduling an exam is done directly through IQT's website at www.iqtesting.com. Complete instructions for cancelling or rescheduling an examination are listed on the ASACB website front page. For technical assistance, please contact IQT (toll free) at (866) 773-1114. Upon successful completion of the computer examination and receipt of current biannual certification fee payment, the AADC certificate will be issued.