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**Requirements for licensure of independent chemical dependency counselors (LICDC).**

(A) To be licensed as an independent chemical dependency counselor (LICDC) the applicant shall complete the following:

(1) ~~A~~ At least a master's degree in a behavioral science from an accredited school or university that shall, at a minimum, include sixty quarter hours or forty semester hours in the designated content areas.

(a) The following content areas and specific clock hours must be completed at the graduate level in the master's degree:

(i) Theories of counseling and psychotherapy (eighty clock hours)

(ii) Counseling procedures (forty clock hours)

(iii) Group process and techniques (forty clock hours)

(iv) Relationship therapy (forty clock hours)

(v) Research methods and statistics (forty clock hours)

(vi) Fundamentals of assessment and diagnosis, including measurement and appraisal (eighty clock hours)

(vii) Psychopathology (forty clock hours)

(viii) Human development (forty clock hours)

(ix) Cultural competency in counseling (forty clock hours)

(x) Ethics (thirty clock hours)

(xi) Supervised professional experience which may be completed as part of an internship, practicum, or field experience (four hundred contact hours)

(2) Six thousand hours of documented paid chemical dependency counseling related work experience of which a minimum of twenty percent must be in chemical dependency counseling.

- (a) Of this work experience requirement, four thousand hours shall be clinical supervisory experience in the AODA field including two hundred hours of face-to-face clinical supervision.
- (3) Two hundred seventy hours of chemical dependency specific education of which fifty percent shall have been obtained in the last five years. The required content areas with the specific contact hours are as follows:
- (a) Theories of addiction (assessment, counseling, client, family and community education) (twenty-four hours)
  - (b) Counseling procedures and strategies with addicted populations (assessment, counseling, case management, client, family and community education, professional responsibility) (twenty-four hours)
  - (c) Group process and techniques working with addicted populations (counseling, professional responsibility) (eighteen hours)
  - (d) Assessment and diagnosis of addiction (assessment) (twenty four hours)
  - (e) Relationship counseling with addicted populations (counseling, client, family and community education, professional responsibility) (twenty-four hours)
  - (f) Pharmacology (assessment, case management, client, family and community education) (eighteen hours)
  - (g) Prevention strategies (counseling, case management, client, family and community education) (twelve hours)
  - (h) Treatment planning (counseling, case management) (eighteen hours)
  - (i) Legal and ethical issues pertaining to chemical dependency (assessment, counseling, case management, client, family and community education, professional responsibility) (twelve hours)
  - (j) Clinical supervision (assessment/evaluation, counselor development, management/administration, professional responsibility) (thirty hours)
  - (k) The remaining sixty-six hours may be distributed among these areas and

other areas at the applicant's discretion.

(4) Completion of practical experience totaling three hundred thirty hours.

(a) The number of hours to be spent in practical experience in the twelve core function areas shall, at a minimum include:

Practical Experience Hours

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Screening                             | Ten Hours         |
| Intake                                | Ten Hours         |
| Orientation                           | Ten Hours         |
| Assessment                            | Ten Hours         |
| Treatment Planning                    | Twenty-five Hours |
| Individual Counseling                 | Thirty Hours      |
| Group Counseling                      | Thirty Hours      |
| Family Counseling                     | Twenty Hours      |
| Case Management                       | Fifteen Hours     |
| Crisis Intervention                   | Ten Hours         |
| Client Education                      | Ten Hours         |
| Referral                              | Ten Hours         |
| Reports and Record Keeping            | Twenty Hours      |
| Consultation with Other Professionals | Ten Hours         |

(b) The remaining practical experience hours (one hundred ten hours) may be spent in any of the above areas as determined necessary by the supervisor and the applicant.

(c) The supervisor shall provide verification that the applicant has obtained the required three hundred thirty practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. A verification of tasks form shall be completed and signed by the supervisor.

- (5) Completed supervisor reference form(s).
- (6) Submission of formal application.
- (7) Successful completion of the ICRC/AODA counselor written examination .
- ~~(8) Successful completion of the ICRC/AODA CPM oral examination.~~
- ~~(9)~~(8) Successful completion of the ICRC/AODA clinical supervisor written examination.
- ~~(10)~~(9) Submit a signed statement agreeing to practice by the code of ethical standards adopted by the board.

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