

TO BE RESCINDED

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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 submit a formal application which shall include the following:

(1) Original transcripts verifying at least a master's degree in a behavioral science or nursing from an accredited school or university that shall, at a minimum, include forty semester hours in the designated content areas.

(a) The following hours in the specific content areas 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) Two thousand hours of documented chemical dependency counseling related compensated work or supervised internship experience of which a minimum of twenty percent must be in chemical dependency counseling. Experience shall be documented on the form prescribed by the board. Experience forms shall further be accompanied by a job description signed by the supervisor.

(3) One hundred eighty hours of approved chemical dependency specific education of which fifty percent shall have been obtained in the last five years. The required number of hours in the specific content areas are as follows:

- (a) Theories of addiction (IC&RC domain I and III) (twenty-four hours)
- (b) Counseling procedures and strategies with addicted populations (IC&RC domain III) (thirty hours)
- (c) Group process and techniques working with addicted populations (IC&RC domain III) (eighteen hours)
- (d) Assessment and diagnosis of addiction (IC&RC domain I) (twenty-four hours)
- (e) Relationship counseling with addicted populations (IC&RC domain III) (twenty-four hours)
- (f) Pharmacology (IC&RC domains I and III) (eighteen hours)
- (g) Prevention strategies (IC&RC domains II and III) (twelve hours)
- (h) Treatment planning (IC&RC domain II) (eighteen hours)
- (i) Legal and ethical issues pertaining to chemical dependency (IC&RC domain IV) (twelve hours)

(4) Completion of practical experience totaling two hundred twenty 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

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 supervisor shall provide verification on a form prescribed by the board that the applicant has obtained the required two hundred twenty practical experience hours in the twelve core functions.

(5) Payment of the application fee.

(6) Provide an attestation statement agreeing to practice by the code of ethical standards adopted by the board.

(B) Upon review and approval of the application by the board, the applicant shall obtain a passing score on the IC&RC alcohol and drug counselor (ADC) examination or provide documentation of a valid license, registration, certificate, or credentials issued under another chapter of the Revised Code that authorizes the individual to engage in a profession whose scope of practice includes chemical dependency counseling and diagnosing and treating chemical dependency conditions.

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