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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) Submission of formal application.

~~(1)~~(2) At least a master's degree in a behavioral science or nursing 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)~~(3) ~~Six~~Two thousand hours of documented ~~paid~~ chemical dependency

counseling related compensated work or supervised internship 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.~~

(4) Completed supervisor reference form(s).

~~(3)~~(5) ~~Two~~One hundred ~~seventy-eighty~~ 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 (clinical evaluation, counseling, client, family and community education) (twenty-four hours)
- (b) Counseling procedures and strategies with addicted populations (clinical evaluation, counseling, treatment planning, referral, service coordination, documentation, client, family and community education, professional responsibility) (~~twenty-four~~thirty hours)
- (c) Group process and techniques working with addicted populations (counseling, client, family and community education, documentation, professional responsibility) (eighteen hours)
- (d) Assessment and diagnosis of addiction (clinical evaluation, treatment planning, referral, service coordination, counseling, documentation) (twenty four hours)
- (e) Relationship counseling with addicted populations (counseling, client, family and community education, documentation, professional responsibility) (twenty-four hours)
- (f) Pharmacology (clinical evaluation, client, family and community education) (eighteen hours)
- (g) Prevention strategies (counseling, service coordination, client, family and community education) (twelve hours)
- (h) Treatment planning (counseling, treatment planning, service coordination,

documentation) (eighteen hours)

(i) Legal and ethical issues pertaining to chemical dependency (clinical evaluation, counseling, service coordination, client, family and community education, documentation, professional responsibility) (twelve hours)

(j) ~~Clinical supervision (counselor development, professional and ethical standards, program development and quality assurance, performance evaluation, administration, treatment knowledge) (thirty hours)~~

(k) ~~The remaining sixty-six hours may be distributed among these areas and other areas at the applicant's discretion.~~

~~(4)~~(6) Completion of practical experience totaling ~~three~~two hundred ~~thirty~~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 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~~two hundred ~~thirty~~twenty practical experience hours in the twelve core functions. A verification of tasks form shall be completed and signed by the supervisor.

~~(5)(7) Completed supervisor reference form(s).~~

~~(6)(8) Submission of formal application.~~

~~(7)(9) Successful completion of the IC&RC alcohol and drug counselor (ADC) written examination or computer based test (CBT).~~ 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.

~~(8)(10) Successful completion of the IC&RC clinical supervisor (CS) written examination or computer based test (CBT).~~

~~(9)(11) Submit a signed statement agreeing to practice by the code of ethical standards adopted by the board.~~

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