

Appendix A

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR REQUIREMENTS

Individuals must complete and submit an appropriate application, fee and all required documentation to be certified/licensed by the Board.

FILE AN ONLINE APPLICATION

CDCA: Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant Preliminary (PHASE I)

- Must be at least 18 years of age and hold a High School Diploma or GED
- Forty (40) hours of [CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SPECIFIC EDUCATION](#) in the required content areas
- Completion of [ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

Students who complete 414/514-417/517 can apply for and receive the CDCA. This will enable them to gain employment while completing the hours needed for the LCDC.

LCDC II: Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II

- An Associate's degree in a behavioral science or nursing OR a Bachelor's degree in any field
- One year (2,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related [WORK EXPERIENCE](#) (compensated work or supervised internship)
- 180 contact hours of [CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SPECIFIC EDUCATION](#) in nine specific content areas. **This will be provided by our five classes.**
- 220 [PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE](#) hours in the twelve core functions. This may be completed as part of your work experience requirements
- Successful completion of the ADC examination or completion of [EXAMINATION WAIVER FORM](#)
- Completion of [ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

Students can begin working on the 2,000 hours of work or supervised internship from the moment they enter the program of study. Of the 2,000 hours, 220 must be direct service hours in the twelve core functions.

LCDC III: Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor III

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science or nursing
- One year (2,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related [WORK EXPERIENCE](#) (compensated work or supervised internship)
- 180 hours of [CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SPECIFIC EDUCATION](#) in nine specific content areas.
- 220 [PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE](#) hours in the twelve core functions. This may be completed as part of your work experience requirements
- Successful completion of the ADC examination or completion of [EXAMINATION WAIVER FORM](#)
- Completion of [ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

Students can begin working on the 2,000 hours of work or supervised internship from the moment they enter the program of study. Of the 2,000 hours, 220 must be direct service hours in the twelve core functions.

Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor

- A minimum of a **MASTER'S DEGREE** in a behavioral science with documentation of coursework in ten specific content areas
- One year (2,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related **WORK EXPERIENCE** (compensated work or supervised internship)
- 180 hours of **CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SPECIFIC EDUCATION** in nine specific content areas.
- 220 **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE** hours in the twelve core functions. This may be completed as part of your work experience requirements
- Successful completion of the ADC examination or completion of **EXAMINATION WAIVER FORM**
- Completion of **ONLINE APPLICATION**

Students can begin working on the 2,000 hours of work or supervised internship from the moment they enter the program of study. Of the 2,000 hours, 220 must be direct service hours in the twelve core functions.