

Licensure for Undergraduates



Licensure with Graduate Degrees

Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA)

Phase I

Under supervision, a Phase I CDCA may:

- Practice chemical dependency counseling
- Perform treatment planning, assessment & crisis intervention
- Practice individual & group counseling
- Provide case management
- Provide education services as they relate to abuse of or dependency on drugs or alcohol

CDCA Requirements

- 40 hours of chemical dependency specific education

Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) Phase II

- Hold a Phase I CDCA for at least 10 months
- Thirty (30) hours chemical dependency specific education (completed after obtaining CDCA Phase I status) in the following areas:
 - Addiction Knowledge (5 hours)
 - Treatment Knowledge (3 hours)
 - Professionalism (3 hours)
 - Evaluation (3 hours)
 - Service Coordination (3 hours)
 - Documentation (3 hours)
 - Individual Counseling (5 hours)
 - Group Counseling (5 hours)

Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II (LCDC II)

LCDC II may perform CDCA tasks & additionally:

- Provide specific treatment services as they relate to substance abuse

LCDC II Requirements

- 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 compensated work or supervised internship experience
- 180 hours of chemical dependency education

Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II (LCDC II) Continued

- 220 practical experience hours
- Successful completion of the Alcohol & Drug Counselor (ADC) examination or completion of the Examination Waiver Form

Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor III (LCDC III)

LCDC III may perform all CDCA & LCDC II tasks & additionally they may:

- Diagnose chemical dependency conditions under supervision
- Provide and supervise specific treatment services under supervision

LCDC III Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in a behavioral science or nursing
- One year (2,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related compensated work or supervised internship experience
- 180 hours of chemical dependency education
- 220 practical experience hours
- Successful completion of the ADC examination or completion of Examination Waiver Form

Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor (LICDC)

LICDC may perform all tasks associated with phases I-III & additionally:

- Diagnose & treat chemical dependency without supervision
- Provide clinical supervision of chemical dependency counseling

LICDC Requirements

- 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 compensated work or supervised internship experience
- 180 hours of chemical dependency education
- 220 practical experience hours
- Successful completion of the ADC examination or completion of Examination Waiver Form

LICDC-CS: Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor-Clinical Supervisor

- A minimum of a Master's degree in behavioral science with documentation of coursework in specific content areas
- Two years (4,000 hours) of chemical dependency counseling related compensated work or supervised internship experience
- One additional year (2,000 hours) of work experience as a clinical supervisor of chemical dependency counseling services
- 180 hours of chemical dependency education
- 220 practical experience hours
- 30 hours of clinical supervisory education
- Successful completion of the ADC & Clinical Supervisor examinations or completion of Examination Waiver Form

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Chemical Dependency Counselor?

Chemical dependency counselors help individuals who suffer from drug dependency to break the cycle of addiction and recover their lives, as well as to overcome the stigma associated with this disease.

How do I become a Chemical Dependency Counselor?

There are five levels of chemical dependency counseling certification. They range from the Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) to the Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor - Clinical Supervisor (LICDC-CS). Each has a set of required educational hours, exams, and supervised hands-on experience hours.

What can The Counseling Center provide in regards to education?

The Counseling Center, Inc. offers two Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant courses per year to potential employees. For more information contact Ashley Adrian, Staff Development Specialist at (740) 354 - 3829 ext. 2701.

The Counseling Center, Inc. is committed to the ongoing education of staff and assists in providing training and the costs associated with licensure fees.



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to expect and what is
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