



LOUISIANA Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR (CAC)

The ADRA shall issue a CAC credential to each candidate who meets the following minimum standards:

1. Is at least 21 years of age and holds a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a behavioral science field;
2. Is a legal resident of the United States;
3. Is not in violation of any ethical standard subscribed to by the ADRA or any other board;
4. Has not been a substance abuser or compulsive gambler for at least 2 years prior to the application date;
5. Has not been convicted of a felony (see Felony Waiver Policy);
6. Document the completion of 300 clock hours of education:
 - a. 180 clock hours – Substance Use Disorders/Addiction (alcohol and other drugs) specific education
 - b. 114 clock hours – Related field of study;
 - c. 6 clock hours – Professional Ethics
7. Document the completion of 4000 hours of supervised work experience in substance use disorder treatment:
 - a. 300 hours must be direct clinical supervision with a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS)
8. Obtain a passing score on the IC&RC ADC Exam.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF CREDENTIAL: EVERY 2 YEARS

1. Submit a completed application for renewal of credential;
2. Document and verify the completion of 48 clock hours of continuing education from an ADRA approved educational provider**:
 - a. 42 clock hours – Specific or related to Substance Use Disorders/Addiction (alcohol and other drugs) treatment
 - b. 6 clock hours – Professional Ethics

Note: Late renewals will incur the late fee. If credential is expired for over 12 months, applicant will be required to re-test in order to renew.

All applications and renewals must be submitted online. If you already have a Certemy account and have issues accessing it, do not create a new one. Contact the ADRA office for assistance.

** Any continuing education hours obtained from education providers that are not pre-approved by the ADRA must submit the appropriate approval processing fee.