



LOUISIANA

Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority

CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR (CAC) Eligibility Requirements

The ADRA shall issue a Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC) credential to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

1. Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
 2. Holds a bachelor's degree in a behavioral science field from an accredited college or university;
 3. Is a legal resident of the United States;
 4. Submits a completed application and pays all required fees;
 5. Is not in violation of any ethical standard of the ADRA or any other licensing, certification, or credentialing board;
 6. Agrees to follow the ADRA Code of Ethics and all applicable ADRA rules;
 7. Has not abused substances or engaged in compulsive gambling for at least two (2) years before applying;
 8. Has not been convicted of a felony unless approved under the ADRA Felony Waiver Policy;
 9. Completes three hundred (300) clock hours of education, including:
 - a. One hundred eighty (180) hours in substance use disorder/addiction-specific education;
 - b. One hundred fourteen (114) hours in a related field of study; and
 - c. Six (6) hours in professional ethics;
 10. Completes four thousand (4,000) hours of supervised work experience in substance use disorder treatment;
 11. Completes three hundred (300) hours of direct clinical supervision provided by a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS); and
 12. Passes the Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) Examination.
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Renewal Requirements Every Two (2) Years

To renew a CAC credential, the credential holder shall:

1. Submit a completed renewal application;
 2. Pay all required renewal fees;
 3. Complete forty-eight (48) clock hours of continuing education during the renewal period, including:
 - a. Forty-two (42) hours in substance use disorder/addiction treatment or a related field; and
 - b. Six (6) hours in professional ethics; and
 4. Remain in compliance with ADRA ethical standards and rules.
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Late Renewal

Late renewals will be assessed the late fee.

If a CAC credential has been expired for more than twelve (12) months, the applicant must pass the ADC Examination again before the credential can be renewed.