

DO I QUALIFY?

Only persons with a **Master's Degree** or other advanced degree in a human services field **with a clinical internship** may apply for this credential. **There are no exceptions.**

HOW TO EARN THIS CREDENTIAL

There are **four criteria** or paths to earn the LCAS Credential.

A **Criteria A** is the standard application procedure for all qualifying Master's Degrees.

B **Criteria B** is the application procedure for persons who already hold a CSAC from NCSAPPB.

C **Criteria C** is an accelerated path for pre-approved degree programs in substance use disorder and addictions treatment. Check the Board web site to see if your school's degree program has been pre-approved for this accelerated path.

D **Criteria D** is also known as Deemed Status, and applicants for this path have received a national addictions certification from one of our Deemed Status entities. Please check the Board web site for a list of these organizations.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The practice of a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist may be independent and consists of the Twelve Core Functions or **four AADC Domains**:

- 1** - SCREENING
- ASSESSMENT
- ENGAGEMENT
- 2** - TREATMENT PLANNING
- COLLABORATION
- REFERRAL
- 3** - COUNSELING
- EDUCATION
- 4** - PROFESSIONAL
- ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

The LCAS shall not conduct treatment counseling when a patient has a mental health diagnosis only, nor shall an LCAS conduct assessments on clients where substance use disorder is not the presenting disorder.

THE LICENSED CLINICAL ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST MAY PROVIDE SUPERVISION TO MAINTAIN A CSAC OR CCJP.

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1. REGISTRATION

Registration is the first of three steps in the application process.

To become fully licensed, you will complete a combination of **Experience, Education,** and passage of an **Exam.** Registration allows you to legally work in the substance use disorder profession while under supervision by a Certified Clinical Supervisor or Supervisor Intern. This is how you earn **Experience.**

Registration is limited to **5 years,** after which an applicant must re-apply.

REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:

- DOCUMENTATION OF ADVANCED DEGREE
- A SUPERVISION AGREEMENT BY A CCS OR A CCS INTERN
- AGREEMENT TO THE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT
- COMPLETION OF 3 CLOCK HOURS OF ETHICS TRAINING
- RESUME AND JOB DESCRIPTION
- REGISTRATION FEE
- COMPLETION OF THE LIVSCAN BACKGROUND CHECK AT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

2. ASSOCIATE LCAS

Associate Status is the second step in the standard LCAS application, known as Criteria A. However, the accelerated Criteria B and C earn their Associate Status upon Registration. You are also eligible to take your Exam when you reach Associate status.

REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE (CRITERIA A ONLY):

- VERIFICATION OF 300 HOUR SUPERVISED POST-MASTERS PRACTICUM COMPLETED BY A CCS OR CSI
- SUPERVISION AGREEMENT BY A CCS/CSI
- EXAMINATION FEE

The 300 Hour Practicum is roughly two months of work experience (based on a 40 hour work week) where the applicant receives supervision at a ratio of 1 hour for every 10 hours worked.

3. FULL LICENSURE

Due to the multiple criteria for which one can apply to become LCAS, the completion of the license process may vary for each applicant. Below is a list of required materials to complete the LCAS organized by criteria.

All Criteria will require **three references** from current LCAS's or CSAC's with Master's Degrees.

CRITERIA A

EXPERIENCE: 4,000 Hours (2 years, post- Masters)
EDUCATION: 180 clock hours of SUD specific training, including 6 hours of special topics in addictions
EXAM: Passage of the IC&RC AADC Exam

CRITERIA B

EXPERIENCE: Waived due to previous experience as CSAC
EDUCATION: Waived due to previous education as CSAC
EXAM: Passage of the IC&RC AADC Exam

CRITERIA C

EXPERIENCE: 2,000 Hours (1 year, post-Masters)
EDUCATION: Waived due to completion in degree program
EXAM: Passage of the IC&RC AADC Exam

CRITERIA D

EXPERIENCE: Waived due to completion of national certification
EDUCATION: Waived due to completion of national certification
EXAM: Passage of national certification exam from Deemed Status Organization, or IC&RC AADC Exam.

