

Certified Addiction Counselor Standards

Category	Requirement
Degree	High School Diploma/GED, Associate/Vocational Degree, or higher
Work Experience	<p><i>If High School Diploma/GED:</i> 6,000 hours of direct experience in the addictions field</p> <p><i>If Associate/Vocational Degree or Higher:</i> 4,000 hours of direct experience in the addictions field</p>
Supervision	<p><i>If High School Diploma/GED:</i> 300 hours of direct supervision. A minimum of 16 hours must be documented in each of the professional practice dimensions.</p> <p><i>If Associate/Vocational Degree or Higher:</i> 150 hours of direct supervision. A minimum of 8 hours must be documented in each of the professional practice dimensions.</p>
Training	<p>250 hours of training. At least 130 hours must be allocated, as specified, among each of the professional practice dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Evaluation – 25 hours • Treatment Planning – 15 hours • Referral – 5 hours • Service Coordination – 5 hours • Counseling – 30 hours • Client, Family, and Community Education – 10 hours • Documentation – 10 hours • Professional and Ethical Responsibilities – 30 hours <p>At least 114 hours must be allocated, as specified, in the following transdisciplinary foundations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Addiction/Treatment Knowledge – 57 hours • Application to Practice/Professional Readiness – 57 hours <p>At least 6 hours must be allocated in the following topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/AIDS – 4 hours • Domestic Violence – 2 hours
Recommendations	3 professional letters of recommendation for certification.
Code of Ethics	Applicants must attest that they are bound by and will follow the FCB Code of Ethics in their professional practice.
Written Test	<p>Must earn a passing score on the Florida Specific Exam</p> <p>**If reciprocity is desired, must earn passing score on the International Exam**</p>
Renewal	20 CEUs each year