
THE FOUR IC&RC PERFORMANCE DOMAINS OF CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR

The Four Domains are the Global Criteria used for by Certified Substance Abuse Counselor in delivering quality client care. Although the Four Domains may overlap, depending on the nature of the counselor's practice, each represents a specific entity. All supervised work experience and training must be in these Four IC&RC performance domains.

- ❖ Scientific Principles of Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorders
- ❖ Evidence-Based Screening and Assessment
- ❖ Evidence-Based Treatment, Counseling, and Referral
- ❖ Professional, Ethical, and Legal Responsibilities

The IC&RC ADC Examination is required to be passed to receive the credential.

A signed Code of Ethics must be signed as a part of all application and re-certification documents.

FEE SCHEDULE

Application Packet

Review of Application
Certification Application Forms
Prevention Certification Manual

Written Exam	\$ 160.00
Total Certification Fee	\$ 160.00

Recertification

Recertification Fee	\$ 85.00
International Certificate	\$ 30.00
Total Recertification Fee	\$ 115.00

Other Fees

Re-take Written Exam	\$100.00
Duplication/Replacement Certificate	\$ 20.00
Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00

About Us

The **Pacific Substance Abuse and Mental Health Certification Board** (PBHCCCB), under the auspices of the Pacific Behavioral Health Collaborating Council (PBHCC), is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to set and maintain professional certification standards for those practitioners within the mental health, substance abuse, and prevention profession. This serves the profession by defining the practitioner's qualifications at the international level and it provides the individual with a credential certifying professional competence. PBHCC has sole jurisdiction over the Certification Board for certifying substance abuse counselors in the Pacific region representing six Pacific Jurisdictions:

- ❖ American Samoa
- ❖ Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- ❖ Federated States of Micronesia
- ❖ Guam
- ❖ Republic of the Marshall Islands
- ❖ Republic of Palau

Applicants must live or work at least 51 % of the time within state or jurisdiction (*at the time of application and testing*).

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This guide contains information to be used by applicants that intends to obtain the credential of Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC). Included are forms and information required to complete the process.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following is a three tiered qualification level for which an individual must successfully complete to meet minimum International ADC Standards to be eligible as Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC), consistent with PBHCCCC/CB and IC&RC/ADC requirements for reciprocity.

All candidates must have:

Education: Must be Aligned with ADC Domains

The applicant shall provide documentation showing the completion of (300 Hours):

- A minimum of two hundred eighty two (282) hours of substance abuse specific education; and
- Six (6) hours of education on professional ethics; and
- Six (6) hours of education on 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2; and
- Six (6) hours of education on HIV and AIDS including issues related to confidentiality of records.

Training:

- Three hundred (300) hours of training specifically related to the knowledge and skills necessary to perform all of the four (4) domains.

LEVEL I- CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR

Experience: Must be Aligned with ADC Domains

The applicant shall have:

- a high school diploma or its equivalent
- completed three years or six thousand (6,000) hours of clinically supervised work experience providing direct alcohol and drug treatment services
- Supervised work experience must be in the Four IC&RC performance domains (see back side for more info)

LEVEL II- CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR (BACHELORS DEGREE)

Experience: Must be Aligned with ADC Domains

The applicant shall have:

- a bachelor's degree from an accredited school with a major in social work, psychology, counseling psychology, substance abuse counseling, or other related counseling or mental health field
- four thousand (4,000) hours of clinically supervised work experience providing direct alcohol and drug treatment services
- Supervised work experience must be in the Four IC&RC performance domains (see back side for more info)

LEVEL III - CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR (MASTERS DEGREE OR HIGHER)

Experience: Must be Aligned with ADC Domains

The applicant shall have:

- a master's degree or higher from an accredited school with a major in social work, psychology, counseling psychology, substance abuse counseling, or other related counseling or mental health field
- two thousand (2,000) hours of clinically supervised work experience providing direct alcohol and drug treatment services
- Supervised work experience must be in the Four IC&RC performance domains (see back for more info)

RECERTIFICATION

The re-applicants shall have:

- 39 contact hours of Alcohol & Drug Specific Education
- 6 hours of ethics in treatment or counseling
- Prove that the individual is currently practicing in the field of substance use treatment (Verification of Employment)
- Renewal is every two (2) Years

NOTE:

- Unsupervised work experience may NOT be substituted for the experience requirement.
- The clinical supervisor must be employed or contracted by the program or agency in which the work experience is gained.
- Educational credit hours and supervised practical training hours gained in a program resulting in a certificate of completion (24 semester credit hours) in substance abuse counseling may be used to document clinical supervised work experience.
- The applicant may substitute up to 1,000 hours, provided that the experience is gained through substance abuse/alcohol specific practicum/internship in conjunction with the 24 semester credit hours.
- All experiences and trainings must be documented on the PBHCCCCB Application for Certification – Supervisor's Evaluation Form.
- The three hundred (300) hours of training may occur as part of the eligible work experience and may be completed under more than one supervisor or agency that is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor or a qualified health care provider.
- When combining training and eligible work experience a minimum requirement of thirty (30) hours of training in each of the Four (4) domains must be completed.