



Nevada

Nevada Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors

Information on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors

Licensure or Certification is Mandatory in the State of Nevada; Exceptions: If you are a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Licensed Psychologist; Physician or Nurse who is licensed pursuant to that Nevada Boards regulations and approval

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NRS 641C.250 License or certificate is revocable privilege; holder acquires no vested right. A license or certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is a privilege that may be revoked in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set forth in this chapter and in regulations adopted by the board pursuant thereto, and no holder of such a license or certificate acquires thereby any vested right.

General requirements for certification/registration:

- No abuse of alcohol or controlled substances or problems with gambling for a period of 2 years before submitting application
- If you are on parole or probation the Board will not consider your application for a period of two-years after the completion
- All individuals certified must observe "Ethical Standards and Requirements"
- College graduation from an accredited college or university listed in Accredited Institutions of Post secondary Education
- **Complete applications must reach the Board within 30 days of date of hire in the substance abuse or problem gambling field**
- Finger print cards and a money order payable to the Board of Examiners for \$45.00 this is due when the request for application is submitted and is part of the request for application fees.
- Is not less than 21 years of age
- Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States –proof of citizenship or proof that an applicant is able to work in the United States
- Application must include social security number, resume, copy of birth certificate, drivers license or passport and copy of the completion of a high school education
- Must provide the Board with statement regarding child support

Please note: You will be required to provide the Board with any and all information concerning any arrests, convictions, indictments, suspensions or revocations. If you have any convictions, arrests or etc. you **cannot** do substance abuse or problem gambling counseling until approved by the Board. **An individual on parole or probation will not be considered for certification or licensure until such time as they have finished and have been off parole or probation for a minimum of two-years.**

The Board or staff has the authority to suspend any applicant upon documentation that an applicant has falsified any information on their application.

Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Intern (CADC-Intern):

- High school diploma or GED and verification of graduation from an accredited college or university in an appropriate social science field and/or submittal of educational affidavit indicating that you are enrolled in college or will enroll at the beginning of the next semester
- Supervision Agreement
- Complete Application
- Fees of \$225.00



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Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADC):

- Proof of the completion of a Bachelors degree in approved social science field from an accredited college or university
- Proof of the completion of 2 years full time employment under clinical supervision in alcohol and drug abuse counseling or see allowances listed below
- **Submittal of fees of \$440.00**
- Written exam covers:
 - Pharmacology of Psychoactive Substances
 - Counseling Practice
 - Theoretical Base of Counseling
 - Professional Issues: Ethics, Confidentiality and Federal Dept. of Transportation Regulations
- You will be taking Level II of the written examination
- An individual must pass the examinations required by the board with an average score of at least 70% to proceed to the oral boards
- Oral exam – an individual must receive a 70% or better to pass

Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (LADC):

- Proof of the completion of a Masters degree in an approved social science field
- Proof of the completion of 2 years full time employment under clinical supervision in alcohol and drug abuse counseling or see allowances listed before
- **Submittal of fees of \$460.00**
- Written exam covers:
 - Pharmacology of Psychoactive Substances
 - Counseling Practice
 - Professional Issues: Ethics, Confidentiality and Federal Dept. of Transportation Regulations
- You will be taking the MAC examination
- An individual must pass the examinations required by the board with an average score of at least 70% to proceed to the oral boards
- Oral exam – an individual must receive a 70% or better to pass

ALLOWANCES: NAC 641C.205

WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE: If you complete 18 semester units in addictions you will reduce the number of hours of practical experience to 1,500 hrs.

WITH A MASTERS DEGREE: If you complete 12 semester units in addictions you will reduce the number of hours of practical experience to 1,500 hrs

NAC 641C.070 “Field of social science” interpreted; qualification of degree. ([NRS 641C.200](#), [641C.350](#), [641C.390](#), [641C.420](#), [641C.430](#), [641C.440](#)) For the purposes of this chapter and [NRS 641C.350](#), [641C.390](#), [641C.420](#), [641C.430](#) and [641C.440](#):

1. The Board will interpret the term “field of social science” to mean:

(a) Any program in:

- (1) Counseling alcohol and substance abusers;
- (2) Counseling problem gamblers;
- (3) Psychiatry;
- (4) Psychology;
- (5) Social work;
- (6) Marriage and family therapy;
- (7) Nursing; or
- (8) Medicine; or

(b) Any other program related to the study of the human mind and mental illness.

2. The Board may consider whether the course descriptions for a degree from an accredited college or university that includes at least 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours of courses relating



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to counseling qualify the degree as a degree in a “field of social science.”

WAIVER OF EXAMINATIONS:

- If you are requesting a waiver of the examination for either a problem gambling counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor or Native American alcohol and drug abuse counselor please indicate so on the request for application.
- Submit the request for application and the required fee of \$165.00 balance of fees will be required upon submittal of the application.

An applicant for licensure or certification without examination pursuant to [NRS 641C.300](#) must submit to the board:

1. A written application on a form prescribed by the board;
2. The applicable fee;
3. Proof satisfactory to the board that the license or other credential held by the applicant:
 - (a) Was issued by another state, a territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia;
 - (b) Is currently valid and in good standing; and
4. A statement of whether a license or other credential has ever been suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted for any reason.
 - a. The board will review each applicant on an individual basis and will consider the circumstances before and after the time the certificate or license was suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted for any reason;
5. Fingerprint cards and the appropriate fees.
6. Proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant is otherwise qualified to engage in the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers:
 - (a) Applicant must have had a masters or bachelor’s degree in an appropriate social science field at the time application was made in another state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia.
 - (b) Alcohol and drug abuse counselors an applicant must have had a minimum of 4,000 hours practical experience providing alcohol and drug abuse counseling.
 - (c) Alcohol and drug abuse counselors an applicant must have passed a written and oral examination from a national testing organization, equal to the level used by the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors with a minimum of a score of 70% overall in both the written and oral examinations.



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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

Please print or type the following information:

NAME
HOME ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
TELEPHONE HOME
BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS
BUSINESS TELEPHONE
SUPERVISORS NAME
APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Please send me an application packet for certification/licensure as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor:

____ *Certification - Requires you have completed a Bachelors degree in an appropriate social science field and **have already completed 4,000 hours of practical experience in alcohol & drug abuse counseling.**

____ *Licensure – Requires you have completed a graduate degree in an appropriate social science field and **have already completed 4,000 hours of approved experience in alcohol and drug abuse counseling.**

____ Intern - Requires you have a **minimum** of a GED or High School Diploma and registration in an appropriate social science field in an approved college or provide the Board with a transcript from the registrar's office showing the completion of an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university.

- * Please refer to the information recap for the exceptions regarding required practical experience.

A nonrefundable money order for \$165.00 made out to the Board of Examiners must accompany this Request for Application for an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor. ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE.

TYPES OF FEES	INTERN CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE
REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FINGERPRINTS	\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST	\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST
PROCESSING – Charged on all Applications	\$60.00 DUE WHEN APPLICATION SUBMITTED	\$60.00 DUE WHEN APPLICATION SUBMITTED
TESTING LEVEL II		\$215.00 DUE WITH APPLICATION & PER EVERY OTHER TEST TAKEN
TESTING MAC LEVEL		\$235.00 DUE WITH APPLICATION & PER EVERY OTHER TEST TAKEN
PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE		\$125.00 DUE WITH APPLICATION IF QUALIFIED TO TEST & YOU WISH TO WORK IN THE FIELD & ARE NOT ALREADY AN INTERN
WAIVER OF EXAMINATION		\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST

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REQUESTS GO TO: **BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUG AND GAMBLING COUNSELORS**

625 FAIRVIEW RD SUITE 124
CARSON CITY NV 89701
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I hereby request the certification/registration packet as indicated above.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Training Materials: "The Basics of Addiction Counseling Independent Study Guide" is available from the board – cost is \$85.00.

Note: THE APPLICATION PACKET **MAY NOT** BE DUPLICATED. THE APPLICATION IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT AND CAN ONLY BE USED BY THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THE APPLICATION