

Addiction Counseling Statute Changes – New Requirements

A new level of licensure has been created in addiction counseling. It is the Licensed Masters Addiction Counselor (LMAC). An LMAC may diagnose and treat substance use disorders under the direction of an independent or clinical licensee. The following are the routes and requirements for licensure as an LMAC.

The LMAC does not eliminate the LAC. It is an additional level of licensure for those with a master's degree.

1. Current LAC may qualify now for the LMAC by:

- a. Completing and submitting the application. There will be no application fee for this route.
- b. Holding an active LAC as of 7/1/16. **Or** T-LAC as of 7/1/16 - if previously passed the NCACII.
- c. Earning a master's degree in a related field, approved by the board. The master's degree must be conferred on or before 7/1/16.
- d. Completing 6 hours of continuing education in diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders within three years of application for LMAC.

2. Standard Application for LMAC

- a. Must complete and submit the application, including the application fee.
(All appropriate forms from the application packet should accompany the application)
- b. Has earned a master's degree
 - As part of or in addition to the degree, has completed 30 graduate semester hours in addiction specific coursework. The required coursework is found in K.A.R. 102-7-3(g). The current LCAC coursework requirements will become the LMAC coursework requirements.
- c. Must pass the MAC exam.

3. Application for LMAC by someone who is currently licensed by BSRB as an LMFT, LMLP, LMSW, LPC

- a. Must complete and submit the application, including the application fee.
(All appropriate forms from the application packet should accompany the application)
- b. Must pass the MAC exam.

Additional Items of Interest

- *"Grand Parenting" for those certified prior to July 1, 2011 will end*

Grand Parenting applications will still be accepted through June 30, 2017. Individuals submitting applications after this date will be required to meet licensure requirements in effect at that time.

- *Reciprocity*

There are changes to the requirements for those who are licensed in another state and seeking licensure in Kansas. Additional information may be found on our website: www.ksbsrb.ks.gov or by contacting the board office.

- *Fingerprinting*

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The BSRB has been given authority to require fingerprinting in the licensure process. We do not yet have a date on when this requirement will be implemented.