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Associate Addiction Counselor (AAC)

An entry level credential for those with a High School Diploma/GED or higher level. A substance use disorder counselor is a professional who works with individuals who are experiencing issues with substance use disorders. These professionals work with individuals to develop treatment plans and provide individual and/or group counseling to assist them to recover. A substance use disorder counselor may specialize in specific theories, modalities or work with specific groups. Available to newer addiction counselors wanting to begin the process of working toward full certification.

Requirements

For more in-depth information on the requirements please review the downloadable application above.

Formal Education: Minimum high school diploma/GED

Clinical Work Experience: One (1) year of full-time or 2000 hours of part-time work experience as a drug and alcohol counselor.

Current Job Description: Copy of current counselor job description, obtained from current employer, and which must be signed by both the applicant and their immediate clinical supervisor.

On-The-Job Clinical Supervision: 100 hours of on-the-job supervision of qualifying work experience with a minimum of 10 hours of clinical supervision in each counselor domain.

Education/Training: 100 hours of relevant education/training including 6 hours in substance use disorders ethics.

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