

CAC

Certified Addiction Counselor

This classification is viewed as an intermediate stage in the professional development of the addiction counselor who operates in an adjunctive capacity in addiction treatment. The requirements for this level are as follows:

Degree:	Associate Degree or High School Diploma/GED
Experience:	<i>If Associate Degree:</i> 4,000 hours of Direct Service (within 10 years) <i>If High School Diploma/GED:</i> 6,000 hours of Direct Service (within 10 years)
Supervision:	<i>If Associate or Vocational Degree:</i> 150 hours of Direct Supervision (A minimum of 8 hours must be documented in each of the 8 professional practice dimensions) <i>If High School Diploma/GED:</i> 300 hours of Direct Supervision (A minimum of 16 hours must be documented in each of the 8 TAP 21 professional practice dimensions)
Education:	250* hours of Education – At least 130 in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clinical Evaluation– 25 hours2. Treatment Planning – 15 hours3. Referral – 5 hours4. Service Coordination – 5 hours5. Counseling – 30 hours6. Client, Family and Community Education – 10 hours7. Documentation – 10 hours8. Professional and Ethical Responsibilities – 30 hours <p>The remaining 120 hours must be in the transdisciplinary foundations as follows: 60 hours in Understanding Addiction/Treatment Knowledge; AND 60 hours in Application to Practice/ Professional Readiness. Within these 120 hours must be at least 4 hours of HIV and 2 hours of domestic violence education/training. *For reciprocity, 270 hours are required – additional 20 hours must be in the transdisciplinary foundations.</p>
Written exam(s):	Florida Specific Exam International Exam (if reciprocity is desired at this level)
Oral exam:	No Yes (if reciprocity wanted)