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Certified Addiction Specialist

This classification is viewed as the first 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:	No academic degree required
Experience:	2,000 hours of Direct Service - Must be within the past 10 years. This equals 1 year of full-time work
Supervision:	100 hours of Direct Supervision (A minimum of 8 hours must be documented in each of the 8 professional practice dimensions)
Education:	150 hours of Education – At least 70 in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clinical Evaluation – 10 hours2. Treatment Planning – 5 hours3. Referral – 5 hours4. Service Coordination – 5 hours5. Counseling – 20 hours6. Client, Family and Community Education – 5 hours7. Documentation – 5 hours8. Professional and Ethical Responsibilities – 15 hours <p>The remaining 80 hours must be in the transdisciplinary foundations as follows: 40 hours in Understanding Addiction/Treatment Knowledge; AND 40 hours in Application to Practice/ Professional Readiness. Within these 80 hours must be at least 4 hours of HIV and 2 hours of domestic violence education/training.</p>
Written exam(s):	Florida Specific Exam
Oral exam:	No