



# Understanding the Continuum of Behavioral Health Professionals Working in Substance Use and Addiction Services in the United States

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## **Background**

More than 48.5 million people (17.1% of the U.S. population) met DSM-5 criteria for having a substance use disorder (SUD) in the past year (SAMHSA, 2024). Drug use and drug-related deaths are alarming: the age-adjusted rate of death involving synthetic opioids from 2013-2019 increased more than 1,000% (Mattson et al., 2021). Despite increased demand for SUD treatment, few receive the addiction services they need (Baptiste-Roberts & Hossain, 2018; Tomko et al., 2022). Minoritized groups (Lê Cook & Alegría, 2011; Pinedo et al., 2018), communities with high social and economic needs (Mohan & Barlow, 2023; Lombardi et al., 2024), and those in rural areas (Morales et al., 2020; Raver et al., 2024) experience greater gaps to addiction services and face persistent challenges in securing treatment.

Addiction counselors are poised to help address these behavioral health needs (Beck et al., 2019; Isvan et al., 2019; Ryan et al., 2012; Schoebel et al., 2021), yet they are a diffuse group that includes a continuum of educational backgrounds, training, and credentials (Schoebel et al., 2021). Projections by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) indicate a shortage of nearly 88,000 addiction counselors through 2036, reflecting only 53% adequacy in meeting behavioral health demand (HRSA, 2023). However, there is considerable variability in how addiction counselors are enumerated. Graduate-level and non-graduate level addiction counselors are often grouped together in workforce estimates, creating difficulty in understanding the size and differences within this workforce. This project summarized how addiction counselors (non-graduate and graduate-level) are defined based on state credentialing requirements, education and training criteria, and Medicaid reimbursement.

### **Methods**

This study conducted a state policy analysis across all 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC) which was informed by the University of Michigan BHWRC-developed Scope of Practice Tracker (UM-BHWRC, 2021). Between November 2023 and June 2024, a systematic data abstraction of state Practice Acts, credentialing rules and guidance documents from licensing bodies and state professional organizations, and other state-specific information that was available online was conducted to abstract (1) addiction counselor titles and educational requirements, (2) credentialing information (i.e., credentialing body, examination requirements, scope of practice), (3) supervision requirements, and (4) Medicaid reimbursement via state plans, fee schedules, and Medicaid provider manuals. Extracted data and findings were

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synthesized into two categories to allow for more comparable samples: non graduate and graduate-level addiction counselors.

## **Key Findings**

#### Non-Graduate Level Addiction Counselors

Across all 50 states and DC, there are 160 non-master's credentials offered with wide variation in the title of the role (See **Table 1**). More than half of states (n=29, 57%) offer at least one type of credential for individuals with a high school degree; 17 states (33%) offer at least one credential for those with an AA degree and 30 states (59%) offer at least one type of addiction counselor credential for those with a BA. However, only 3 states (AZ, NY, TX), have credentials across all three degrees, HS, AA, BA. Thirteen states (8%) do not specify degree type but instead specify required training hours (range 0 to 360 hours). Most states have more than one credential for non-graduate level addiction counselors, yet the range in which different credentialing types are offered varied with nine states only having one addiction counselor credential whereas California has 16 different types of non-graduate-level addiction counselor credentials. States with multiple credentials were more likely to offer a laddering, or credentials building on top of previously earned credentials, supporting advancement within the occupation.

Non-graduate level addiction counselors are also credentialed by varied entities with 85% of states offering a license credential through a state licensing body. **Figure 1** depicts the multiple types of organizational bodies states rely on to credential non-master's level addiction counselors. **Table 1** provides an overview of each state and includes examination details and fees, supervision requirements, and Medicaid reimbursement.

#### **Graduate Level Addiction Counselors**

Forty-two states offer a graduate-level credential, and there are 68 different credentials for graduate level addiction counselors (**Table 2**). Of these, all can conduct assessments and deliver services via telehealth. Almost all graduate-level licensed addiction counselors can practice unsupervised (95%), provide psychotherapy (88%), and almost half can diagnose (48%). The average amount of supervision hours required to obtain the credential is 136 hours (range 0 to 300 hours). The educational requirements for addiction counselors with a graduate degree are not specified in 25 states (60%) with the remaining states requiring educational training in a 'relevant field,' 'behavioral science,' 'counseling,' 'addition studies,' or 'human services.' Most states (n=39; 93%), require all their graduate-level credentials to take a certification exam, the average cost of which is approximately \$311 including application and exam fees (range \$50 - \$600). Additionally, 11 states offer a graduate-level supervisor credential: CA, IA, IN, MI, NC, NJ, OH, RI, SC, VA, and WY. The range of practice hours required to become a supervisor in these states is 0 to 10,000 hours (5 years), with an average amount of 5,429 hours. In most states, a certification exam to become a supervisor is required (73%).

## **Policy Implications**

This state analysis highlights the wide variability of definitions, degree and training requirements, and scope of practice within the addiction counselor workforce. Addiction counselors are a critical workforce tasked with addressing chronic, serious behavioral health issues that require a trained, skilled, and compensated workforce who can continue to do this work with clear training, regulation and payment mechanisms. However, there is current inconsistency in minimum educational requirements, training hours, and an overall lack of uniformity across states. It is unclear which of these requirements best position a workforce to meet needs. As states work to increase the SUD workforce, clearly articulating addiction counselor career pathways is necessary (i.e., clear pathway into the occupation, clear laddering with the field, incentivizing supervisory credentials, increasing reimbursement rates). Policymakers can use this data to identify where and how their state may be able to more effectively deploy or scale an addiction counselor workforce to provide SUD services given the known workforce challenges within each state and nationally. Working to simplify and clarify credentialing pathways for those who want to enter and advance in the SUD workforce is likely necessary given the disjointed approach that currently exists.

Further, for states that do not have a supervisory credential, adding this may help increase the number of supervisors who can take on new entrants into the addiction counselor workforce who require supervision. Finally, the state-by-state analysis revealed misalignment between Medicaid reimbursement and the workforce who can provide SUD treatment. Although some states reimburse non-graduate level addiction counselors, some states restrict reimbursement, which could limit opportunities to pay and expand the workforce. Understanding how Medicaid reimbursement is related to the size and strength of the addiction workforce is needed.

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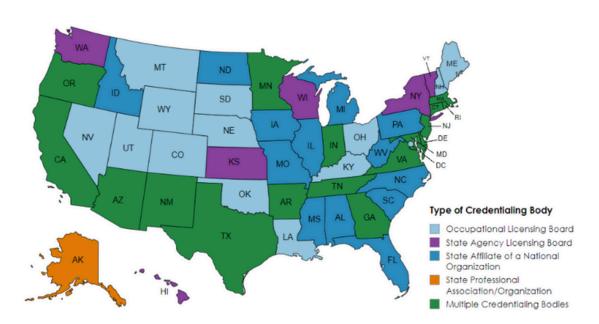


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Figure 1. Credentialing bodies for non-graduate level addiction counselors



**Table 1.** Scope of practice for non-graduate level addiction counselor workforce

State	Titles Used for Non-Graduate Addiction Counselor Workforce. Titles are listed in progression through credential laddering	Minimum Education or Degree Required for Cred.	Laddering Required (Y/N) (Prerequisite Certification)	Practice Hrs. Required	Test Required for Cred. (Y/N)	Fees for Cred. Application	Renewal Fees Required (years allowable before renewal is required)	Supervision Required (Y/N) (By Whom*)	Medicaid Reimbursement (Y/N)
	Certified Associate Addiction Professional	HS	N	2000	Υ	\$425	NA (one year)	Y (CCS)	N
AL	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$600	NA (one year)	Y (CCS)	N
	Certified Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Abuse Professional	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$600	NA (one year)	Y (CCS)	N
	Chemical Dependency Counselor Technician	AA	N	NA	N	\$180	\$165 (two years)	Y (CDCS)	N
	Chemical Dependency Counselor 1 - Non-Degree Track	NA	N	4000	N	\$195	\$180 (two years)	Y (CDCS)	Υ
AK	Chemical Dependency Counselor 1 - Degree Track	AA	N	2000	N	\$195	\$180 (two years)	Y (CDCS)	Υ
	Chemical Dependency Counselor 2 - Non-Degree Track	NA	Y (CDC 1)	6000	Y	\$210	\$195 (two years)	N	Υ
	Chemical Dependency Counselor 2 - Degree Track	AA	Y (CDC 1)	6000	Y	\$210	\$195 (two years)	N	Υ
	Certified Addiction Counselor	HS	N	4000	Υ	\$375	\$150 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
	Certified Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor	BA	N	6000	Υ	\$375	\$150 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
AZ	Licensed Substance Abuse Technician	AA	N	6400	Υ	\$290	\$325 (two years)	Y (LISAC)	N
	Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor	ВА	Y (LSAT)	3200	Υ	\$290	\$325 (two years)	Y (LISAC)	N
	Counselor in Training	HS	N	NA	N	\$100	NA (five years)	Y (CS)	N
AR	Alcohol Drug Counselor	NA	N	6000	Υ	\$250	\$250 (two years)	N	Υ
	Licensed Associate Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor	ВА	N	6000	Υ	\$265	\$200 (two years)	N	Υ
	Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor*	NA	N	2080	Υ	NA	NA (NA)	NA	Υ
CA	Substance Use Disorder Registered Counselor	NA	N	2080	Υ	\$350	\$135 (two years)	Y (any CS)	N



	Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor	NA	N	2080	Υ	\$350	\$135 (two years)	Y (any CS)	N
	Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor II	NA	N	10000	Υ	\$350	\$160 (two years)	Y (any CS)	N
	Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor III	ВА	N	10000	Υ	\$350	\$160 (two years)	Y (SUDCC III-CS, SUDCC IV-CS)	Υ
	Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor	NA	N	2240	Υ	\$235	\$160 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
	Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor I	NA	N	2240	Υ	\$235	\$165 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
	Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor II	AA	N	2240	Υ	\$235	\$170 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
	Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor III	ВА	N	2240	Υ	\$235	\$180 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
	Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor - Nurse	ВА	N	2240	Υ	\$235	\$165 (two years)	N	Υ
	Registered Alcohol Drug Technician	NA	N	NA	N	\$50	\$50 (one year)	Y (CADC I, II, LAADC, LAADC- S, other))	N
	Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor I	AA	N	2080	Υ	\$550	\$250 (two years)	Y (CADC I, II, LAADC, LAADC- S, other)	Υ
	Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor II	NA	Y (CADC I)	6000	Υ	\$648	\$310 (two years)	Y (CADC II, LAADC, LAADC- S, other)	Υ
	Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor	BA	Y (CADC I, II)	4000	Υ	\$648	\$310 (two years)	Y (CADC III, LAADC, LAADC- S, other)	Υ
	Certified Addiction Technician	HS	N	1000	Υ	\$235	NA (two years)	Y (CAS, LAC)	N
СО	Certified Addiction Specialist	ВА	N	3000	Υ	\$245	NA (two years)	N	N
	Certified Counselor in Training	NA (100)	N	NA	N	\$100	\$40 (one year)	Y (CAC, CCS, LADC)	N
СТ	Certified Addiction Counselor - Provisional	NA (100)	N	2000	Υ	\$600	\$115 (one year)	Y (CAC, CCS, LADC)	N
	Certified Addiction Counselor - Standard	NA (100)	N	6000	Υ	\$600	\$115 (one year)	Y (CAC, CCS, LADC)	N
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	NA (360)	N	6000	Y	\$190	\$195 (one year)	N	Υ



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DE	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	AA	N	4000	Υ	\$350	\$150 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
DC	Certified Addiction Counselor I	AA	N	NA	Υ	\$450	NA (two years)	Y* (other)	Υ
DC	Certified Addiction Counselor II	ВА	N	NA	Υ	\$450	NA (two years)	Y*(other)	Υ
<b>-</b> 1	Certified Addiction Professional	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$300	\$125 (one year)	Y (MLCAP)	Υ
FL	Certified Addiction Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$335	\$100 (one year)	Y (MLCAP)	N
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor – Trainee	HS	N	300	N	\$150	\$75 (one year)	Y (CCS, other)	N
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Level I	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$330	\$150 (two years)	Y (CCS, other)	N
GA	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Level II	BA	N	4000	Υ	\$330	\$250 (two years)	N	Υ
	Certified Counselor-In-Training	HS	N	NA	N	\$67	\$67 (one year)	Y (CCS)	N
	Certified Addiction Counselor Level I	HS	N	4000	Υ	\$500	\$200 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
	Certified Addiction Counselor Level II	ВА	N	6000	Υ	\$500	\$200 (two years)	N	Υ
HI	Certified Substance Abuse Counselor - High School Diploma/Equivalent	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$150	\$25 (two years)	Y (CCS, other)	N
	Certified Substance Abuse Counselor -Bachelor's Degree	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$150	\$25 (two years)	Y (CCS, other)	N
ID	Substance Use Disorders Associate	NA	N	800	Υ	\$225	\$135 (two years)	Y (CADC, ACADC, CCS)	Υ
	Certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor	BA	N	4000	Υ	\$315	\$207 (two years)	Y (ACADC, CCS)	N
	Certified Associate Addictions Professional	HS	N	0	Υ	\$90	\$90 (two years)	Y (CAADC, CSAODC)	N
IL	Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor	HS	N	4000	Υ	\$260	\$160 (two years)	Y (CAADC, CSAODC)	Υ
	Certified Reciprocal Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$260	\$180 (two years)	N	Υ
	Addiction Consultant in Training	HS	N	0	N	\$400	NA (three years, non-renewable)	Y (LAC, LCAC, CADC 2, 3, 4, 5, CCS)	N
INI	Addiction Consultant in Training 2	BA	N	2000	N	\$400	NA (three years, non-renewable)	Y (LAC, LCAC, CADC 2, 3, 4, 5, CCS)	N
IN	Certified Addiction and Drug Abuse Consultant 1	HS	N	2000	Υ	\$400	NA (two years)	Y (LAC, LCAC, CADC 2, 3, 4, 5, CCS)	N
	Certified Addiction and Drug Abuse Consultant 2	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$400	NA (two years)	Y (LAC, LCAC, CADC 2, 3, 4, 5, CCS)	Υ



	Certified Addiction and Drug Abuse Consultant 3	ВА	Y (LACA, LAC)	0	Υ	\$400	NA (two years)	N	Υ
	Addiction Professional in Training	NA (12)	N	2000	Υ	\$340	NA (two years)	Y (CAC 2, CCS)	N
	Certified Addiction Counselor Level I	NA (270)	N	6000	Υ	NA	NA (two years)	Y (CAC 2, CCS)	Υ
	Certified Addiction Counselor Level II	ВА	N	10000	Υ	NA	NA (two years)	N	Υ
	Licensed Addiction Counselor Associate	ВА	N	NA	Υ	\$50	\$50 (two years)	Y (LAC, LCAC)	Υ
	Licensed Addiction Counselor	BA	N	4000	Υ	\$50	\$50 (two years)	N	Υ
	Temporarily Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	NA	Y	\$400	NA (two years, non-renewable)	Y (CIADC, CIAADC, CCS)	N
IA	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	3000	Υ	\$400	\$220 (two years)	Y (CIADC, CIAADC, CCS)	Υ
	Certified International Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$400	\$220 (two years)	N	Υ
KS	Licensed Addiction Counselor	BA	N	NA	Υ	\$200	\$50 (two years)	Y (LMAC, LCAC)	N
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Associate 1	HS	N	NA	N	\$50	\$25 (two years, non-renewable, extension available)	Y (CADC, LADC, LCADC, CCS)	N
KY	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Associate 2	HS	N	400	N	\$50	\$100 (two years, non-renewable, extension available)	Y (CADC, LADC, LCADC, CCS)	N
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$450	\$200 (three years)	N	Υ
	Addiction Treatment Assistant	NA	N	NA	N	\$136	\$75 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
	Registered Addiction Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$236	\$225 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
LA	Certified Addiction Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$236	\$225 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
	Counselor-In-Training	HS	N	NA	N	\$136	\$75 (one year)	Y (CCS)	N
	Alcohol and Drug Counseling Aide	HS	N	NA	N	\$61	\$35 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
ME	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	4000	Υ	\$236	\$35 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$236	\$35 (two years)	N	Υ
	Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor	ВА	N	6000	Υ	\$300	\$150 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
	Alcohol and Drug Trainee	AA	N	NA	N	\$250	\$200 (two years)	Y (CAC-AD,	N
MD								LCADC	
MD	Certified Supervised Counselor -	AA	N	NA	Υ	\$250	\$200 (two years)	Y (CAC-AD,	Υ



	Alcohol and Drug							LCADC)	
	Certified Associate Counselor - Alcohol and Drug	ВА	N	1000	Υ	\$250	\$200 (two years)	Y (CAC-AD, LCADC)	Υ
	Certified Alcoholism Counselor	NA (180)	N	4000	Υ	\$485	\$100 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	NA (300)	N	6000	Υ	\$485	\$100 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
MA	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor Assistant	NA (50)	N	2000	Υ	\$100	\$100 (two years)	Y (LADC I)	Υ
	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor II	NA (270)	N	6000	Y	\$100	\$100 (two years)	Y (LADC I)	Υ
MI	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Y	\$325	\$175 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
	Alcohol and Drug Counselor - Minnesota	NA	N	NA	Y	\$390	\$95 (two years)	Y (CCS, LADCS)	N
MN	Alcohol and Drug Counselor Reciprocal	NA	N	6000	Υ	\$390	\$95 (two years)	Y (CCS, LADCS)	N
	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	ВА	N	2000	Υ	\$328	\$295 (two years)	N	Υ
	Certified Intern Counselor	HS	N	NA	Υ	\$390	\$100 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
MS	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$390	\$100 (two years)	N	N
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor I	ВА	N	8000	Υ	\$390	\$100 (two years)	N	N
	Missouri Associate Alcohol Drug Counselor I	HS	N	160	N	\$110	NA (one year, non-renewable)	Y (CRADC, CRAADC)	N
MO	Missouri Associate Alcohol Drug Counselor II	HS	N	2000	N	\$110	\$95 (one year)	Y (CRADC, CRAADC)	N
IVIO	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	4000	Υ	\$400	\$190 (two years)	Y (CRADC, CRAADC)	N
	Certified Reciprocal Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$400	\$190 (two years)	Y (CRAADC)	N
MT	Licensed Addiction Counselor	AA	N	1000	Υ	\$250	\$128 (one year)	N	Υ
NE	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	NA	N	\$275	\$175 (two years)	Y (CS)	Υ
INE	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	Y (PADC)	6000	Υ	\$275	\$175 (two years)	N	Υ
NV	Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Intern	HS	N	4000	N	\$360	\$150 (six months)	Y (LADAC, LCADAC)	Υ
INV	Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$495	\$285 (two years)	Y (LADAC, LCADAC)	Υ
NH	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	AA	N	6000	Υ	\$225	\$100 (two years)	Y (LCS)	Υ
NJ	Certified Alcohol and Drug	HS	N	3000	Υ	\$255	\$180 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N



	Counselor								
	Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Y	115	NA (two years)	Y (CCS, AS)	Υ
NM	Licensed Substance Abuse Associate	AA	N	NA	N	210	75 (two years)	Y (AS)	Υ
	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor	AA	N	3000	Y	310	150 (two years)	N	Υ
	Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Trainee	HS	N	NA	N	\$100	NA (five years, non-renewable)	Y (CASAC-M, CASAC-A)	Υ
	Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Provisional	ВА	N	NA^	N	\$100	NA (five years, non-renewable)	Y (CASAC-M, CASAC-A)	N
NY	Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor	HS	N	6000	Y	\$345	\$150 (three years)	Y (CASAC-M, CASAC-A)	Υ
	Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor II	AA	N	6000	Y	\$345	\$150 (three years)	Y (CASAC-M, CASAC-A)	Υ
	Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Advanced	BA	Y (CASAC)	NA	N	\$50	\$150 (three years)	N	Υ
NC	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Y	\$413	\$150 (two years)	Y (CSI, CCS)	Υ
	Registered Addiction Counselor Intern	ВА	N	NA	N	NA	NA (one year)	Y (LCAC, LMAC, RCS)	Υ
ND	Licensed Addiction Counselor	ВА	N	960	Y	\$500	\$300 (two years)	Y (LCAC, LMAC, RCS)	Υ
ND	Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor	ВА	N	10000	N	\$300	\$300 (two years)	N	Υ
	Registered Private Practice Addiction Counselor	ВА	Y (LCAC, LMAC)	NA	N	\$200	\$300 (two years)	N	Υ
	Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant	NA (40)	N	NA	N	\$50	\$150 (two years)	Y (LICDC, LICDCCS)	Υ
ОН	Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II	AA	N	2000	Y	\$50	\$150 (two years)	Y (LICDC, LICDCCS)	Υ
	Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor III	BA	N	2000	Y	\$50	\$150 (two years)	Y (LICDC, LICDCCS)	Υ
ОК	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	BA	N	4000	Y	\$300	\$125 (one year)	Y (S)	Υ
OR	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor I	NA	N	1000	Y	\$0	\$0 (two years)	Y (CADC II, III, CS)	Υ
Oit	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor II	BA	N	4000	Y	\$100	\$0 (two years)	Y (CADC II, III, CS)	Υ
PA	Associate Addiction Counselor	HS	N	2000	N	\$150	\$100 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
I'A	Certified Associate Addiction	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$375	\$200 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N



	Counselor								
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	ВА	N	6000	Υ	\$375	\$200 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
DI	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	2000	N	\$200	NA (two years, non-renewable)	Y (CCS, LCDCS)	N
RI	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$350	\$150 (two years)	Y (CCS, LCDCS)	N
SC	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$575	\$225 (two years)	Y (CCS)	Υ
SD	Addiction Counselor Trainee	HS	N	NA	N	\$150	NA (five years, non-renewable)	Y (CAC, LAC)	Υ
	Certified Addiction Counselor	HS	N	8000	Υ	\$250	\$350 (one year)	N	Υ
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor I	HS	Y (L1 or L2 LADAC)	NA	Υ	\$225	\$150 (two years)	Y (CQCS)	N
TN	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor II	ВА	Y (L1 or L2 LADAC)	NA	Υ	\$225	\$150 (two years)	Y (CQCS)	N
IIN	Level I Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$300	\$325 (two years)	Y (CQCS)	N
	Level II Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$300	\$325 (two years)	N	N
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$390	\$100 (two years)	Y (CCS, QCC)	N
TV	Registered Counselor Intern	HS	N	NA	N	\$65	NA (NA)	Y (CCS, QCC)	N
TX	Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor	AA	N	4000	Υ	\$400	\$125 (two years)	N	Υ
	Qualified Credentialed Counselor	BA	Y (LCDC, other)	NA	N	\$40	NA (NA)	N	Υ
	Certified Substance Use Disorder Counselor Intern	AA	N	0	N	\$70	NA (six months, non-renewable)	Y (SUDCS)	Υ
	Certified Substance Use Disorder Counselor	AA	N	0	Υ	\$270	NA (two years)	Y (SUDCS)	Υ
UT	Licensed Substance Use Disorder Counselor	AA	N	2000	Υ	\$285	\$78 (two years)	Y (SUDCS)	Υ
O1	Certified Advanced Substance Use Disorder Counselor Intern	ВА	N	0	N	\$70	\$78 (six months, non-renewable)	Y (SUDCS)	Υ
	Certified Advanced Substance Use Disorder Counselor	ВА	N	0	Υ	\$270	\$78 (two years)	Y (SUDCS)	Υ
	Licensed Advanced Substance Use Disorder Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$285	\$78 (two years)	N	Υ
VT	Certified Apprentice Addiction Professional	AA	N	NA	Y	\$115	\$260 (six months)	Y (LADAC)	N
V I	Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$115	\$260 (two years)	Y (LADAC)	N
VA	Certified Associate Addiction	HS	N	4000	N	\$100	\$75 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N



	Counselor								
	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	ВА	N	4000	Υ	\$350	\$150 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
	Certified Substance Abuse Counseling Assistant	HS	N	NA	Υ	\$115	\$50 (one year)	Y (CS)	Υ
	Certified Substance Abuse Counselor	ВА	N	2000	Υ	\$330	\$65 (one year)	Y (CS)	Υ
WA	Certified Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee	AA	N	NA	N	\$110	\$90 (one year)	Y (AS)	Υ
VVA	Certified Chemical Dependency Professional	AA	N	2500	Υ	\$555	\$300 (one year)	Y (AS)	Υ
WV	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor	HS	N	6000	Υ	\$275	\$175 (two years)	Y (CCS)	N
	Substance Abuse Counselor in Training	NA (100)	N	NA	Υ	\$648	\$60 (two years)	Y (CSIT, CS)	N
WI	Substance Abuse Counselor	NA (360)	N	3000	Υ	\$135	\$60 (two years)	Y (CSIT, CS)	Υ
	Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor	AA	N	5000	Υ	\$135	\$60 (two years)	Y (CSIT, CS)	Υ
WY	Certified Addictions Practitioner Assistant	AA	Y (other)	NA	Υ	\$343	\$100 (two years)	Y (LAT, DQCS)	N
	Certified Addictions Practitioner	ВА	N	NA	Υ	\$343	\$100 (two years)	Y (LAT, DQCS)	N

<sup>\*</sup> CCS = Certified Clinical Supervisor. CDCS = Chemical Dependency Clinical Supervisor. LISAC = Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor. CS = Clinical Supervisor. SUDCC-CS = Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor Clinical Supervisor. CADC = Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor. LAADC = Licensed Advanced Alcohol Drug Counselor. LAADC-S = Licensed Advanced Alcohol Drug Counselor. Supervisor. CAS = Certified Addiction Specialist. LAC = Licensed Addiction Counselor. LADC = Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. MLCAP = Master's Level Certified Addiction Professional. ACADC = Advanced Certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor. CAADC = Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor. CSAODC = Certified Supervisor Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor. CAC = Certified Addiction Counselor. CIADC = Certified International Alcohol and Drug Counselor. LCADC = Certified International Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor. LMAC = Licensed Master's Addiction Counselor. LCAC = Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor. LCADC = Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor. CAC-AD = Certified Associate Counselor - Alcohol and Drug. LADCS = Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor Supervisor. CRADC = Certified Reciprocal Alcohol and Drug Counselor. AS = Approved Supervisor. CASAC-M = Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Advanced. CSI = Clinical Supervisor Intern. RCS = Registered Clinical Supervisor. LICDC = Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. LICDCCS = Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. Supervisor. CCCS = Certified Qualified Clinical Supervisor. QCC = Qualified Credentialed Counselor. Supervisor.



**Table 2.** Scope of practice for graduate-level addiction counselor workforce

State (68 total credentials)	Credential	Prerequisite Education	Assessment	Diagnosis	Psychotherapy	Crisis Services	Telehealth	Unsupervised Practice
Alabama	Certified Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor	Relevant Field	<b>~</b>		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
	Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Behavioral Science	<b>~</b>		<b>~</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>
Arizona	Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor	Behavioral Science	✓	✓	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
	Advanced Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	<b>~</b>		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Arkansas	Licensed Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor	Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	1	<b>√</b>
	Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor IV	Relevant Field	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	✓	4	<b>✓</b>
California	Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor V	Behavioral Science	✓		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
California	Licensed Advanced Alcohol Drug Counselor	Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>		<b>~</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
	Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor IV	Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>		<b>~</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Colorado	Licensed Addiction Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Connecticut	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>		✓	<b>✓</b>		
	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>
Delaware	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Relevant Field	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	✓		<b>√</b>
	Licensed Chemical Dependency Professional	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	<b>✓</b>		<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>		<b>✓</b>
Florida	Master's Level Certified Addiction Professional	Relevant Field	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>
Casaria	Certified Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor	Counseling	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Georgia	Certified Master Addiction Counselor	Counseling	<b>√</b>		✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Hawaii	Certified Substance Abuse Counselor	Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>		✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	✓
Idaho	Advanced Certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Illinois	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>		✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>
Indiana	Certified Addiction and Drug Abuse	Human Services	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



	Consultant 4							
	Certified Addiction and Drug Abuse Consultant 5	Relevant Field	<b>√</b>		<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>
	Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor Associate	Relevant Field	✓		✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
	Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor	Relevant Field	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
lowa	Certified International Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Behavioral Science	✓		<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	✓
Kansas	Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor	Relevant Field	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Kansas	Licensed Master's Addiction Counselor	Relevant Field	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Clinical Human Services	✓		✓	✓	✓	<b>~</b>
Kentucky	Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor Associate	Clinical Behavioral Science	✓		✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
	Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	<b>~</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
Louisiana	Licensed Addiction Counselor	Behavioral Science	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Maine	Certified	Counseling	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



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	Alcohol and							
	Drug Counselor -							
	Advanced							
	Licensed							
	Alcohol and							
	Drug	Counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Counselor I							
	Licensed							
	Graduate	Clinical						
	Alcohol and	Behavioral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Drug	Science						
Maryland	Counselor							
	Licensed							
	Clinical Alcohol	Behavioral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	and Drug	Science						
	Counselor							
	Certified Advanced							
Michigan	Alcohol and	Relevant Field	✓		✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Michigan	Drug	Relevant Field	·		·	·	·	·
	Counselor							
	Advanced							
	Alcohol and	Clinical						
Minnesota	Drug	Behavioral	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Counselor	Science						
	Reciprocal							
	Certified							
	Advanced							
	Alcohol and	Relevant Field	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mississippi	Drug Counselor							
Mississippi	Couriseior							
	Alcohol and	Clinical						
	Drug	Relevant Field	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Counselor II							
	Certified							
	Reciprocal							
Missouri	Advanced	Clinical	✓			✓	✓	<b>√</b>
IVIISSUUTT	Alcohol and	Relevant Field						
	Drug							
	Counselor							
	Certified Clinical Alcohol	Clinical						
Nevada	and Drug	Behavioral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Counselor	Science						
	Couriscioi							



	Intern							
	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>
	Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor	Behavioral Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Hampshire	Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
New Jersey	Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Relevant Field	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓
New York	Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Master	Human Services	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
North Carolina	Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist	Clinical Human Services	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
North Dakota	Licensed Master Addiction Counselor	Addiction Studies	<b>✓</b>		✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Ohio	Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor	Behavioral Science	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>
Oklahoma	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Clinical Counseling Field	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Oregon	Certified Alcohol and Drug	Relevant Field	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



	Counselor III							
Pennsylvania	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Relevant Field	<b>~</b>			<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>	
Rhode Island	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Relevant Field	✓		✓	<b>√</b>	✓	
	Licensed Chemical Dependency Professional	Relevant Field	✓		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
South Carolina	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Human Services	✓		✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
South Dakota	Licensed Addiction Counselor	Behavioral Science	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennessee	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Relevant Field	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Texas	Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	<b>√</b>			✓	✓	<b>~</b>
Vermont	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor	Human Services	✓		✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Virginia	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Relevant Field	✓		<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>~</b>
	Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment	Counseling	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>



	Practitioner							
West Virginia	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Clinical Behavioral Science	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Wyoming	Licensed Addictions Therapist	Relevant Field	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total = 68 credentials								



### **Non-Graduate Level Supervisors**

State	Credential	Prerequisite Education	Assessment	Diagnosis	Psychotherapy	Crisis Services	Telehealth	Unsupervised Practice
Alabama	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓
Alaska	Chemical Dependency Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
Arizona	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	<b>√</b>	✓
Arkansas	Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Certified Clinical Supervisor	Behavioral Science	✓		<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
California	Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor II- CS	NA	<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
	Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor III- CS	Relevant Field	✓		<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>
Connecticut	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	<b>√</b>	✓
Delaware	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	<b>√</b>	✓
Georgia	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
GCOI BIA	Certified Clinical Supervisor	Counseling	✓		✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
Hawaii	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



Idaho	Certified Clinical Supervisor	Clinical Behavioral Science	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>
Illinois	Certified Supervisor Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor	NA	✓		✓	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>
Indiana	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
lowa	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
Kentucky	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Louisiana	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
	Certified Clinical Supervisor – LADC track	NA	✓		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>
Maine	Certified Clinical Supervisor – non-LADC track	NA	✓		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>~</b>
Maryland	Certified Clinical Supervisor	Counseling	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Massachusetts	Certified Clinical Supervisor	Counseling	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
Minnesota	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor Supervisor	NA	✓		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>
Mississippi	Certified Clinical	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



	Supervisor							
Montana	Licensed Addiction Counselor Supervisor	Addiction Studies	✓		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>~</b>	✓
Nebraska	Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Hampshire	Licensed Clinical Supervisor	Human Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Jersey	Certified Clinical Supervisor – CADC track	NA	✓		✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
New Mexico	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
	Approved Supervisor	Counseling	✓			✓	✓	✓
North Dakota	Registered Clinical Supervisor	Addiction Studies	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Oklahoma	Supervisor	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oregon	Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Pennsylvania	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
Rhode Island	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
South Dakota	Qualified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennessee	Certified Qualified Clinical Supervisor	Behavioral Science	✓		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Texas	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
Utah	Substance Use Disorder Counselor Supervisor	NA	<b>✓</b>		✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>



Virginia	Certified Clinical Supervisor	Relevant Field	✓			✓	✓	✓
Washington	Approved Supervisor	Human Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Virginia	Certified Clinical Supervisor	NA	✓			✓	✓	✓
Wisconsin	Clinical Supervisor in Training	Behavioral Science	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Intermediate Clinical Supervisor	Behavioral Science	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Independent Clinical Supervisor	Behavioral Science	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

