

Max L. Foster, Jr., Executive Director

Laura Kelly, Governor

July 11, 2016

Dear Licensed Addiction Counselors:

During the 2016 Legislative session a bill was passed which created a new level of licensure for addiction counselors. The Board will not license master's addiction counselors (LMAC). An LMAC may diagnose and treat substance use disorders under the direction of an independent or clinical licensee.

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

If you currently hold an active addiction counselor license and have earned a master's degree in a related field, you may qualify for the new LMAC using the conversion application. The following are the basic requirements that must be met:

- Hold an active LAC as of **7/1/16** or
- Hold an active T-LAC – if previously passed the NCACII as of **7/1/16**.
- Have earned 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**.
 - o You are required to provide an official transcript from the college or university where your master's degree was granted. Please direct the school to send the transcript directly to the Board office. **The board cannot accept transcripts sent directly from the applicant.** *This requirement does not apply to any applicant who is dually licensed by the Board.*
- Complete 6 hours of continuing education in diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders within three years of the conversion application for LMAC.
 - o You are required to provide a copy of the CEU certificate of attendance. We cannot process your application without the verification of completed CEUs.

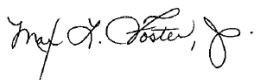
If you feel you meet the above requirements and wish to pursue a license as a master's addiction counselor, complete the attached application form and submit to the board office. **There is no fee for the conversion application.**

For those who do not meet the above requirements and wish to pursue the LMAC, you will be required to meet the standard requirements for the LMAC. The standard requirements include a master's degree and 30 hours of addiction specific coursework and passing the Master's Addiction Counselor (MAC) exam.

If you have applied for an LAC within the last year and have not yet been licensed as an LAC or if you have a T-LAC and have not passed the NCACII and you have a master's degree in a related field you will be contacted by the board regarding the possibility of switching your application to the LMAC. This would change the level of exam required. Therefore, you may wish to delay sitting for the exam until you have been contacted by the board. Please allow at least 30 days to be contacted.

Please contact the board office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Max L. Foster, Jr.
Executive Director

**APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION
FROM
ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSURE
TO
MASTER'S ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSURE**

1. Submitted by: _____ / _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial LAC Number and Expiration Date

2. Current Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

3. Answer the following questions regarding the college or university where your master's degree in a related field was conferred:

- Name of School: _____
- Location of School: _____
- Degree Received: _____

4. **Transcript:** You are required to provide an official transcript from the college or university where your master's degree was granted. Please direct the school to send the transcript directly to the Board office. **The board cannot accept transcripts sent directly from the applicant. This requirement does not apply to any applicant who is dually licensed by the Board.**

5. Have you completed 6 hours of continuing education in diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders within three years of this application ____ Yes ____ No

6. Title of continuing education course(s) and number of hours awarded:

7. **CEU Certificates:** You are required to provide a copy of the CEU certificate of attendance. We cannot process your application without the verification of completed CEUs.

8. **I hereby affirm that to the best of my knowledge all my answers to the foregoing are correct. I further agree that all state records pertaining to my application and licensure may be used to conduct research or program evaluation, provided that the research does not personally identify me, directly or indirectly.**

I also understand that I am required to abide by the statutes and regulations governing addiction counselors in the State of Kansas.

Signature: _____ Date: _____