

Texas

New Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors:

It appears that a degree is not required. They must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(a) At least 135 clock hours (nine semester hours) of the education must be specific to substance use disorders and their treatment. The remaining 135 clock hours may be specific or related to chemical dependency counseling. Related education hours may include courses in psychology, sociology, counseling, mental health, behavioral science, psychiatric nursing, ethics, and rehabilitation counseling.

(b) The education shall be provided by a career school or college, or an accredited institution of higher education.

(c) Educational hours obtained at a career school or college must follow the curriculum for Transdisciplinary Foundations outlined in the KSAs:

- (1) Understanding Addiction;
- (2) Treatment Knowledge;
- (3) Application to Practice; and
- (4) Professional Readiness.

(d) The department will not accept hours unless documented with a passing grade on an official transcript from the school. The applicant shall submit additional information requested by the department if needed to verify the content of a course.

Certification: ADC

Verification of 270 chemical dependency education hours, of which 135 must be Alcohol/Drug specific, 6 of which must be HIV/AIDS specific, and 6 of which must be Ethics specific. The ADC domains are: clinical evaluation; treatment planning; referral; service coordination; counseling; client, family & community education; documentation; and professional & ethical responsibility.