



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4758-5-05 Requirements for licensure of independent chemical dependency counselors (LICDC).

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To be licensed as an independent chemical dependency counselor (LICDC) the applicant shall :

(A) Submit a formal application, including:

(1) Suitable documentation;

(2) An application fee;

(3) A personal attestation statement agreeing to practice by the code of ethical standards adopted by the board; and

(4) A recommendation and suitable documentation as follows:

(a) Provided directly from the applicant's supervisor.

(b) Provided in a manner specified by the Board.

(B) After approval of the application by the board, receive a passing score on the IC&RC (ADC) or other Board approved alcohol and drug counselor examination, or provide documentation of a valid license, certificate, or credentials issued under another chapter of the Revised Code that authorizes the individual to engage in a profession whose scope of practice includes substance use disorder counseling and diagnosing and treating substance use disorder conditions.

(C) Provide official transcript from an accredited school or university that verifies a master's degree or higher degree in a behavioral science or nursing.

(D) Completion of at least one of the following:



(1) Coursework obtained within the masters or higher graduate degree as specified in (D)(1)(a) through (e). The board may also consider up to three graduate courses completed after the masters or higher graduate degree was attained to meet the requirements of (D)(1)(a) through (e);

(a) Counseling Theories (40 clock hours);

(b) Individual and Group Counseling Procedures (80 clock hours with a minimum of 20 clock hours in individual counseling and 20 clock hours in group counseling);

(c) Fundamentals of Assessment and Diagnosis and Psychopathology (90 clock hours);

(d) Cultural Humility (30 clock hours); and

(e) Ethics (30 clock hours).

(2) Masters degree or higher from an accredited program from an accredited school or university as follows:

(a) Addiction/Substance Use Disorder Counseling;

(b) Clinical Counseling;

(c) Clinical Psychology;

(d) Counseling Psychology;

(e) Pediatrics Psychology; or

(f) Social Work.

(E) Complete the hours of work, which includes a minimum of twenty percent of those hours in the clinical core functions of substance use disorder treatment services;



(1) Complete two thousand hours of work experience or a combination of work experience plus a supervised internship or supervised apprenticeship.

(a) A minimum of two hundred and twenty hours of work in the core functions in section (F).

(F) The core functions and minimum hours as follows:

(1) Screening, Assessment, and Engagement: Forty hours and twenty-five hours must be in assessment;

(2) Treatment Planning, Collaboration, and Referral: Seventy hours and thirty-five hours must be in Treatment Planning

(3) Counseling: Ninety hours and thirty-five hours must be of individual and thirty-five hours of group; and

(4) Professional and Ethical Responsibilities: Twenty hours.

(G) Complete the hours of approved education in section (H), as follows:

(1) In addition to section (E)(1), one hundred eighty hours of education.

(a) Must be substance use disorder specific education;

(b) Fifty percent of the total hours shall be completed within the five years from the date of application; and

(c) Completion may be through:

(i) Board approved Continuing Education Units (CEU)

(ii) Courses completed from an accredited school or university, or



(iii) A combination (G)(1)(c)(i) and (G)(1)(c)(ii).

(H) The education content and minimum hours as follows:

(1) Substance Use Disorder & Recovery Knowledge (Twenty-four hours);

(2) Counseling procedures and strategies as applied to those with substance use disorder (Thirty hours);

(3) Group process and techniques (Eighteen hours);

(4) Assessment and diagnosis of substance use disorder (Twenty-four hours);

(5) Family Dynamics (Twenty-four hours);

(6) Pharmacology (Eighteen hours, with Six hours specific to Medication Assisted Treatment/Recovery);

(7) Relapse and Recovery Strategies (Six hours);

(8) Treatment planning (Eighteen hours); and

(9) Legal and ethical issues pertaining to substance use disorder professionals (Eighteen hours).

(I) The Board shall have sole discretion to determine if documentation submitted is suitable.