



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4758.01 Chemical dependency professional definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Accredited educational institution" means an educational institution accredited by an accrediting agency accepted by the department of higher education.

(B)(1) "Alcohol and other drug clinical counseling principles, methods, or procedures" means an approach to substance use disorder counseling that emphasizes the chemical dependency counselor's role in systematically assisting clients through all of the following:

(a) Analyzing background and current information;

(b) Exploring possible solutions;

(c) Developing and providing a treatment plan;

(d) In the case of an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor, independent chemical dependency counselor, or chemical dependency counselor III only, diagnosing chemical dependency conditions.

(2) "Alcohol and other drug clinical counseling principles, methods, or procedures" includes counseling, assessing, consulting, and referral as they relate to substance use disorder conditions.

(C) "Gambling disorder" means a persistent and recurring maladaptive gambling behavior that is classified in accepted nosologies, including the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders and the international classification of diseases, and in editions of those nosologies published after September 15, 2014.

(D) "Prevention services" means a comprehensive, multi-system set of individual and environmental



approaches that maximizes physical health, promotes safety, and precludes the onset of behavioral health disorders.

(E) Unless the context provides otherwise, "scope of practice" means the services, methods, and techniques in which and the areas for which a person who holds a license, certificate, or endorsement under this chapter is trained and qualified.

(F) "Substance abuse professional" has the same meaning as in 49 C.F.R. 40.3.

(G) "Substance use disorder conditions" means those conditions relating to the abuse of or dependency on alcohol or other drugs that are classified in accepted nosologies, including the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders and the international classification of diseases, and in editions of those nosologies published after December 23, 2002.

(H) "Substance use disorder counseling" means rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, or the public a counseling service involving the application of alcohol and other drug clinical counseling principles, methods, or procedures to assist individuals who are abusing or dependent on alcohol or other drugs.

(I) "United States department of transportation drug and alcohol testing program" means a transportation workplace drug and alcohol testing program governed by 49 C.F.R. part 40.