

Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor (AADC)

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Minimum Standards

Experience

2,000 hours of supervised work experience specific to the AADC Domains.

Education

Master's degree in a relevant field. 180 hours of education specific to the AADC Domains. Six hours must be specific to counselor ethics and responsibilities.

Supervision

100 hours specific to the AADC Domains with a minimum of ten hours in each domain.

Examination

CBs must require all applicants to pass the AADC Examination.

Jurisdiction

Individuals must live or work at least 51% of the time in the Member Boards jurisdiction ("at the time of application & testing")

Code of Ethics

The applicant must sign a counselor specific code of ethics statement of affirmation that the applicant has read and will abide by the code of ethics.

Recertification

40 hours of continuing education earned every two years. CBs may renew at different intervals but must require at least 20 hours for every year of certification.

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