

309.083 Requirements for certification as alcohol and drug counselors.

An applicant for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor shall pay the board the initial fee for certification, and shall:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Have obtained a baccalaureate degree, unless the applicant is certified by the board as an associate alcohol and drug counselor II;
- (3) Have completed the minimum work experience and supervision requirements for alcohol and drug counselors by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium with supervised hours being under the direct supervision of:
 - (a) A certified alcohol and drug counselor who has at least two (2) years of post-certification experience and has attended the board-sponsored supervision training; or
 - (b) A licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor who has at least twelve (12) months of post-licensure experience or has attended the board-sponsored supervision training;
- (4) Meet all minimum supervision, education, and training requirements of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC);
- (5) Have passed a written examination for alcohol and drug counselors that has been approved by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium;
- (6) Have signed an agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of ethics approved by the board;
- (7) Have completed at least six (6) hours of ethics training; three (3) hours of domestic violence training; and two (2) hours of training in the transmission, control, treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus;
- (8) Have submitted two (2) letters of reference from certified or licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors;
- (9) Live or work at least a majority of the time in Kentucky; and
- (10) Have complied with the requirements for the training program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management in KRS 210.366 and any administrative regulations promulgated thereunder.

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