

1 AN ACT relating to alcohol and drug counselors.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 309.083 is amended to read as follows:

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

6 (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

7 (2) Have obtained a baccalaureate degree;

8 (3) Have completed six thousand (6,000) hours of board-approved experience working
9 with persons having a substance use disorder, three hundred (300) hours of which
10 shall have been under the direct supervision of:

11 (a) A certified alcohol and drug counselor who has at least two (2) years of post-
12 certification experience; or

13 (b) A licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor who has at least two (2) years
14 of post-licensure experience;

15 (4) ***Meet all education and supervision requirements of the International***
16 ***Certification and Reciprocity Consortium for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor***
17 ***(ADC)***~~Have completed at least two hundred seventy (270) classroom hours of~~
18 ~~board-approved curriculum];~~

19 (5) Have passed a written examination that has been approved by the International
20 Certification Reciprocity Consortium ~~on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse];~~

21 (6) Have signed an agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of ethics
22 approved by the board;

23 (7) Have completed at least six (6) hours of ethics training; three (3) hours of domestic
24 violence training; and two (2) hours of training in the transmission, control,
25 treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus;

26 (8) Have submitted two (2) letters of reference from certified or licensed clinical
27 alcohol and drug counselors;

- 1 (9) Live or work at least a majority of the time in Kentucky; and
2 (10) Have complied with the requirements for the training program in suicide
3 assessment, treatment, and management in KRS 210.366 and any administrative
4 regulations promulgated thereunder.

5 ➔Section 2. KRS 309.0832 is amended to read as follows:

6 An applicant for licensure as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor shall pay the
7 board the initial fee for licensure, and shall:

- 8 (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
9 (2) Have obtained from a regionally accredited college or university or a college or
10 university accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of
11 Education:
12 (a) A sixty (60) hour master's degree in a behavioral science with clinical
13 application;
14 (b) A thirty (30) hour advanced placement master's degree in a behavioral science
15 with clinical application; or
16 (c) A doctoral degree in a behavioral science with clinical application;
17 (3) Meet all education and supervision requirements of the International
18 Certification and Reciprocity Consortium for the Advanced Alcohol and Drug
19 Counselor (AADC);
20 (4) Have completed at least one hundred eighty (180) classroom hours of alcohol and
21 drug counselor specific board-approved curriculum;
22 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ Have passed a written examination as specified by the board in administrative
23 regulation;
24 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ Have signed an agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of
25 ethics approved by the board;
26 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ Have completed at least six (6) hours of ethics training; three (3) hours of
27 domestic violence training; and two (2) hours training in the transmission, control,

1 treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus, in addition to the
2 educational requirements in subsection (2) of this section;

3 ~~(8)~~~~(7)~~ Have submitted two (2) letters of reference from certified alcohol and drug
4 counselors or licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors;

5 ~~(9)~~~~(8)~~ Live or work at least a majority of the time in Kentucky;

6 ~~(10)~~~~(9)~~ Have complied with the requirements for the training program in suicide
7 assessment, treatment, and management in KRS 210.366 and any administrative
8 regulations promulgated thereunder; and

9 ~~(11)~~~~(10)~~ Have completed two thousand (2,000) hours of board-approved experience
10 working with persons having a substance use disorder, three hundred (300) hours of
11 which shall have been under the direct supervision of a licensed clinical alcohol and
12 drug counselor.

13 ➔Section 3. KRS 309.0833 is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) An applicant for licensure as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor
15 associate shall:

16 (a) Pay the board the initial fee for licensure;

17 (b) Complete the requirements under KRS 309.0832(1) to (9); and

18 (c) Obtain a board-approved supervisor of record.

19 (2) Upon completion of the hours of board-approved experience specified in KRS
20 309.0832~~(11)~~~~(10)~~, a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor associate may
21 apply to the board for licensure as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor.