

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

For more information, including information for applicants holding a Clinical Masters or Doctorate degree, please contact Behavioral Health Services Training Center (303) 436-3570, Training@dhha.org, or mail to 1155 Cherokee Street Denver, CO 80204

For Colorado CAC Regulations and application visit: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DORA-Reg/CBON/DORA/1251631998670>

CAC LEVEL I

High school diploma/GED

1000 hours of supervised work experience

3 hours of clinical supervision* per month for full time work

- 21 hours Addiction Counseling Skills
- 14 hours Client Records Management
- 21 hours Principles of Addiction Treatment
- 14 hours Professional Ethics I: Ethics and Jurisprudence
- 14 hours Culturally Informed Treatment
- 14 hours Infectious Diseases in Addiction Treatment
- 14 hours Pharmacology I

CAC LEVEL II

High school diploma/GED

2000 hours of supervised work experience beyond the CAC I

(total 3000 hours for CAC II application)

3 hours of clinical supervision* per month for full time work

CAC I training plus:

- 14 hours Professional Ethics II (Pre-requisite Ethics I)
- 21 hours Motivational Interviewing (Pre-requisite is Addiction Counseling Skills)
- 14 hours Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- 21 hours Group Counseling Skills
- 14 hours Pharmacology II (Pre-requisite Pharmacology I)
- 14 hours Clinical Assessment and Treatment Planning (Pre-requisite Client Record Management)
- 14 hours Co-Occurring Disorders
- 14 hours Trauma Informed Care for Diverse Populations

Applicant must also pass the National Examination

CAC LEVEL III

Bachelor's Degree in a Behavioral Health Science

2000 hours of supervised work experience beyond the CAC II

(total 5000 hours for CAC III application)

2 hours of clinical supervision* per month for full time work

CAC II Certification plus:

- 21 hours Clinical Supervision I
- 14 hours Advanced Motivational Interviewing (Pre-requisite is Motivational Interviewing)
- 14 hours Clinical Supervision II (Pre-requisites are Advanced Motivational Interviewing & Clinical Supervision I)
- 7 hours Professional Practice

Applicant must also pass the National Examination

*Three (3) hours of clinical supervision per month is required until the CAC II is awarded, then three (3) hours per month until the CAC III is awarded, and then two (2) hours of consultation monthly. For less than full time work, supervision may be prorated but must be no less than one hour per month.

LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELORS (LAC)

As of January 1, 2007, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-34-107, a person may be eligible/apply for a licensure (LAC) if he/she meets the following

A. Hold a valid certificate (in good standing) of addiction counseling, Level III or meet all requirements of addiction counseling Level III (see Section 14.500 for specific requirements); and,

B. Possess a Master's Degree or higher degree in the social sciences or an equivalent program from a regionally accredited institution (see Section 14.600, B, 2).

C. Pass a national examination administered by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) or by the successor of that organization. The examination must have been taken after the Master's Degree (used for licensure) has been conferred. The examination required for licensed addiction counselor shall be the NAADAC/National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Masters Addiction Counselor examination

CREDITS & APPROVAL

OBH, DORA, Domestic Violence, NAADAC, and/or NBCC state and/or national recognition is indicated for each course listing. OBH/DORA approval categories for Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC) are levels I, II, III, and Licensure. Our courses meet respective CAC requirements and are denoted by *, **, or ***; while others are approved as continuing education.

OBH (Office of Behavioral Health) 303-866-7400 or visit their website at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-BehavioralHealth/CBON/1251581469074> for more information.

DORA (Department of Regulatory Agencies) 303-894-7766 or visit their website at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DORA-Reg/CBON/DORA/1251631998670> for more information. To check on a CAC application, or to ask questions regarding college equivalency, please call (303) 894-7756.

Domestic Violence courses at BHS Training are offered to meet the Colorado Provider Requirement. The DVOMB (Domestic Violence Offender Management Board) does NOT pre-approve classes at any facility. For more information, including requirements and application information, visit their website at http://dcj.state.co.us/odvsm/Domestic_Violence/ or contact Dana at 303-239-4442.

NAADAC (The Association for Addiction Professionals) has approved our courses under Education Provider #000114 for NCAC I, II, and MAC. www.naadac.org. See CAAP for NCAC II Test Registration (Course Test Out procedure).

NBCC BHS Training is an NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP™) and may offer NBCC-approved clock hours for events (or programs) that meet NBCC requirements. Sessions (or programs) for which NBCC-approved clock hours will be awarded are identified in the program bulletin (or in the catalogue or Web site). The ACEP is solely responsible for all aspects of the program.™ ACEP # 5944

Metropolitan State College – If you are interested in pursuing a degree in Addiction Studies, credit from CAC classes is available for specific courses at Metro State. Please visit their website at <http://www.msudenver.edu/> or contact Scott DeMuro at 303-556-8474 or via email at demuro@msudenver.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Contact: Phone 303-436-3570, Fax 303-436-4023, Email: training@dhha.org. Training office hours are 8:00AM-4:30PM, Monday – Friday.

Class information: All classes are held from 8:00AM-4:30PM. Students must be in class during that time. Students are asked to arrive on time to their classes. Students cannot come late or leave early and still receive OBH credit or a monetary credit, under any circumstances.

Payment and cancellation information: Full payment is required at the time of course registration. If a student needs to cancel a class, written documentation must be sent 7 days prior to class in order to receive a full refund. Cancellations made after those 7 days might be issued a credit at the discretion of the training department. If a student fails to cancel class before the class begins, there will be no credit issued under any circumstances. Due to limited class size: Addiction Counseling Skills, Advanced Motivational Interviewing, Clinical Supervision 1, Clinical Supervision 2, and Group Counseling Skills have a no refund/credit policy.

Registrations: Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some courses have maximum limits. And all classes have a minimum enrollment in order for the class to proceed. Should minimum enrollment be insufficient, the class will be cancelled and the student will be notified within approximately 3 business days of the class start date. In this instance, the student will be fully refunded, or he/she may elect to enroll in another class. Refund processing takes 3-4 weeks and requires a SSN or Tax ID number to be processed. No exceptions can be made to these requirements.

Location: The BHS Training Center is located in downtown Denver on the second floor of the Denver CARES building at 1155 Cherokee Street (two blocks south of the City and County Building). Parking (pay lots) are available one-quarter block north on both sides of the street. There are 12 parking lots around our location. Please see the map at the back of this brochure for locations. There is some street parking available, however, it is limited. Early arrival is recommended for students wishing to utilize this option.

College Credit: Please visit DORA's website at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DORA-Reg/CBON/DORA/1251631998670> or contact a DORA representative at 303-894-7766 for information regarding college credit and/or college equivalency. DORA is the only organization approved to evaluate college course work. The BHS Training Department does not evaluate courses for college credit.

Financial Aid: Unfortunately we do not offer financial aid at our facility. However, we do welcome scholarships, providing that the check is made payable to BHS (Behavioral Health Services). Please contact Whitney Guzman if you have questions regarding this process (303) 436-3570.

*You may also check for financial assistance with either the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, or the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (WIA – Workforce Investment Act funding). BHS Training is an approved training provider with both organizations. Our approved provider name for WIA is COTNHBC (Program name 530203). Please note that both organizations, as well as their availability of financial funding, will vary depending on the county in which you live