



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4758-5-03 Requirements for licensure of chemical dependency counselors II (LCDC II).

Effective: July 3, 2023

To be licensed as a chemical dependency counselor II (LCDC II) the applicant shall :

(A) Submit a formal application, including:

(1) Suitable documentation;

(2) An application fee;

(3) A personal attestation statement agreeing to practice by the code of ethical standards adopted by the board; and

(4) A recommendation and suitable documentation as follows:

(a) Provided directly from the applicant's supervisor.

(b) Provided in a manner specified by the Board.

(B) After approval of the application by the board, receive a passing score on the IC&RC (ADC) or other Board approved alcohol and drug counselor examination

(C) Complete either (C)(1) or (C)(2):

(1) Provide official transcript from an accredited school or university that verifies one of the following:

(a) An associates degree in a behavioral science or nursing; or.

(b) Any bachelor's degree.



(2) Continuously held and actively worked under a valid CDCA certificate that was maintained in good standing since December 31, 2008 and complete section (D)(1) and (F)(1)

(D) Complete the hours in either (D)(1) or (D)(2) of work, which includes a minimum of twenty percent of those hours in the clinical core functions of substance use disorder treatment services;

(1) Complete two thousand hours of work experience or a combination of work experience plus a supervised internship or supervised apprenticeship

(a) A minimum of two hundred and twenty hours of work in the core functions in section (E).

(2) Complete one thousand hours of work:

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(b) In addition to the hours, complete an internship

(i) Suitable documentation, provided in a manner specified by the Board, is provided.

(ii) Completion at a site that provides experience in substance use disorder intensive outpatient treatment or higher-level care,

(iii) A minimum of two hours per week of clinical supervision,

(iv) Completion of two hundred and forty hours within two semesters, not to exceed three years, and

(v) Completion while holding an active CDCA certificate.

(E) The core functions and minimum hours as follows:

(1) Screening, Assessment, and Engagement: Forty hours and twenty-five hours must be in assessment;



(2) Treatment Planning, Collaboration, and Referral: Seventy hours and thirty-five hours must be in Treatment Planning;

(3) Counseling: Ninety hours and thirty-five hours must be of individual and thirty-five hours of group; and

(4) Professional and Ethical Responsibilities: Twenty hours.

(F) Complete the hours of approved education in section (G), as follows:

(1) In addition to section (D)(1), one hundred eighty hours of education.

(a) Must be substance use disorder specific education;

(b) Fifty percent of the total hours shall be completed within five years from the date of application; and

(c) Completion may be through:

(i) Board approved Continuing Education Units (CEU)

(ii) Courses completed from an accredited school or university, or

(iii) A combination (F)(1)(c)(i) and (F)(1)(c)(ii).

(2) In addition to section (D)(2), one hundred eighty hours of education.

(a) Fifty percent of the total hours shall be completed within 3 years from the date application, and

(b) From an accredited school or university that is compliant with section 4758.42(C)(3) of the Revised Code.



(G) The education content and minimum hours as follows:

- (1) Substance Use Disorder & Recovery Knowledge (Twenty-four hours);
- (2) Counseling procedures and strategies as applied to those with substance use disorder (Thirty hours);
- (3) Group process and techniques (Eighteen hours);
- (4) Assessment and diagnosis of substance use disorder (Twenty-four hours);
- (5) Family Dynamics (Twenty-four hours);
- (6) Pharmacology (Eighteen hours, with Six hours specific to Medication Assisted Treatment/Recovery);
- (7) Relapse and Recovery Strategies (Six hours);
- (8) Treatment planning (Eighteen hours); and
- (9) Legal and ethical issues pertaining to substance use disorder professionals (Eighteen hours).

(H) The Board shall have sole discretion to determine if documentation submitted is suitable.