

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - CAS



American Academy
of Health Care Providers
IN THE
Addictive Disorders

The American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders offers the Certified Addiction Specialist (CAS) certification to health care professionals in the field of addictive disorders that includes specializations in five areas: alcohol addiction, drug addiction, eating disorders, gambling disorders and sex addiction.

Professionals with Master's or Doctorate * degrees in mental health-related fields:

1. Three years (6,000 hrs) of supervised experience providing direct addictive disorder health care services. Pre-doctoral or pre-masters internships may be considered by the Academy towards one year of clinical supervision;
2. Requirements two, three and four listed below.

Professionals with other degrees or without a degree must have:

1. Five years (10,000 hrs) of supervised experience providing direct addictive disorder health care services;
2. Documentation of 270 hours of formal education and training including:
 - Counseling competencies and the knowledge, skills and attitudes associated with the practice of those competencies. (120 hours).
 - **For each of the five specialization requested:**
 - **Alcohol** addiction specific education/training (60 hours).
 - **Other drugs** specific education/training (60 hours).
 - **Sex addiction** specific education/training (60 hours).
 - **Eating disorders** specific education/training (60 hours).
 - **Gambling disorders** specific education/training (60 hours).
 - A total of 30 hours to include education/training from one or more of the following:
 - Services to special populations, such as aging individuals; co-occurring disorders; PTSD; disabilities; diverse populations; cultural differences; probation/parole
 - Ethics (includes law & ethics, confidentiality, and HIPAA)
 - Communicable diseases, including tuberculosis, HIV disease, and Hepatitis C
 - Sexual harassment
3. Three professional recommendations from those who are professionally familiar with the applicant's work; at least one referent must be a clinical supervisor who can document applicant's health care experience; and
4. A non-refundable application fee of \$140. Once the application is approved, an online, proctored examination fee of \$275 must be submitted prior to scheduling the examination. Additional fees may apply for proctoring services and are the responsibility of the applicant.

* Accredited university/ college, institution of higher learning