Certified Addiction Professional

This classification is viewed as the title for the addiction treatment professional primarily involved in providing direct treatment services in addictions. The requirements for this classification are as follows:

**Degree:** Bachelor’s Degree (minimum)

**Experience:** 6,000 hours of Direct Service (within past 10 years)

**Supervision:** 300 hours of Direct Supervision (A minimum of 20 hours must be documented in each of the 9 professional practice dimensions)

**Education:** 350 hours of Education – At least 190 in the following:

1. Clinical Evaluation (20 hours in Assessment & 15 in screening)
2. Treatment Planning – 20 hours
3. Referral – 5 hours
4. Service Coordination – 5 hours
5. Counseling – 50 hours
6. Client, Family and Community Education – 15 hours
7. Documentation – 15 hours
8. Professional and Ethical Responsibilities – 30 hours
9. Supervision – 15 hours

The remaining 160 hours must be in the transdisciplinary foundations as follows:

80 hours in Understanding Addiction/Treatment Knowledge; AND 80 hours in Application to Practice/Professional Readiness. Within these 160 hours must be at least 4 hours of HIV and 2 hours of domestic violence education/training.

**Written exam(s):** Florida Specific Exam, and International Exam

**Oral exam:** Yes **

** Oral exam exemption: For applicants applying for the CAP certification with a Master’s Degree in a clinical counseling or counseling-related field (i.e., social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family, psychology), the oral exam may be waived if the following requirements are met:

Degree was received from a fully accredited institution, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, AND:

Have at least one university-sponsored supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience in a counseling setting where you provided clinical services directly to clients, OR:

Have registered Intern Status through the Agency for Health Care Administration.

A written request to waive the oral exam must accompany your application.