

Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Provide qualified alcohol abuse counseling, drug abuse counseling, combined alcohol and drug abuse counseling, counseling to families with substance abusing members, and counseling to children of alcoholics. Work in close collaboration with physicians and other health care personnel in patient evaluation and treatment. Utilize community resources to help patient resume life in the community and restore optimum social and physical well-being.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 330-C

Administrative Rules: Chapter Alc 100 - 500

Licensure Requirements

- New Hampshire criminal background check is required, including FBI fingerprinting
- Have passed the exam for the license type that is being applied for
- Submit official transcripts

NOTE: The administrative rules are currently under revision. Please check with the board website for updates related to each specific license type.

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

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web <www.oplc.nh.gov/board-licensing-alcohol-and-other-drug-use-professionals>

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Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (MLADC)

- 60-hour Master's degree in clinical mental health, clinical psychology, substance use treatment, social work, or human services or equivalent, with clinical coursework and internship requirements, from an accredited college or university
- 300 hours of alcohol and drug use education, which may be included in the coursework of the Master's program
- 300 hours of supervised practical training
- Either hold a current LADC license or pass the testing procedures as identified by the Board
- Either hold a current license issued by the Board of Mental Health Practice or pass the examination approved by the Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals to demonstrate competence to provide co-occurring disorder counseling within the context of substance use counseling
- Complete 3,000 hours of clinically supervised post-masters degree work experience in the treatment of substance use and co-occurring disorders. Up to 1,500 hours of clinically supervised work experience accumulated by the applicant during his or her practice as an LADC may be counted toward the required 3,000 hours. A current license issued by the Board of Mental Health Practice may be substituted for 1,500 hours of the required 3,000 hours of clinically supervised work experience.

Alcohol and Drug Counselor (continued)

Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor with an Associate's Degree (LADC)

- Associate's degree in substance use counseling, addiction studies, or equivalent program
- 270 hours of alcohol and drug use education within the degree-granting program or separately
- 6,000 hours of supervised work experience
- 300 hours of supervised practical training within the degree-granting program, as part of the supervised work experience or separately
- Pass testing procedures of a nationally recognized credentialing entity specified by the Board

Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor with a Bachelor's Degree (LADC)

- Bachelor's degree in a clinical mental health, social work, psychology, substance use counseling, addiction studies, human services discipline, or equivalent program from an accredited college or university
- 270 hours of alcohol and drug use education within the degree-granting program or separately
- 4,000 hours of supervised work experience
- 300 hours of supervised practical training within the degree-granting program, as part of the supervised work experience, or separately
- Pass testing procedures of a nationally recognized credentialing entity specified by the Board

Licensed Clinical Supervisor (LCS)

- Hold a current license as a MLADC or LADC
- 10,000 hours of experience as an alcohol and drug counselor
- 4,000 hours of experience as a clinical supervisor supervising professionals providing alcohol and drug counseling
- 200 hours of face-to-face clinical supervision
- 30 hours of training in clinical supervision covering assessment, evaluation, counselor development, management, administration, and professional responsibility
- Pass testing procedures of a nationally recognized credentialing entity specified by the Board

Certified Recovery Support Worker (CRSW)

- Have the ability to read and write in the English language
- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent; and
- 500 hours of work / paid / volunteer experience
- Passed IC & RC exam (PR)
- Completed 46 hours of education covering the four domains areas

Examination

- Pass testing procedures outlined under each license type

Continuing Education

- For MLADC / LADC renewals – 48 hours of approved continuing education are required in the 24 months subsequent to date of licensure. For Clinical Supervisors, six hours of training on clinical supervision are required.
- For CRSW renewals – 12 hours of continuing education during each two year certification period.

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Reciprocity

Permitted through application to the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium

Active Licenses

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Related Training

Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling;
Clinical/Medical Social Work

Fees

Application fee (including statutorily mandated \$16 Professionals Health Program Fee)	\$316.00
Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) (Initial and renewal)	\$110.00
Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (MLADC) (Initial and renewal)	\$240.00
Licensed Clinical Supervisor (LCS) (Initial and renewal)	\$110.00
Certified Recovery Support Worker (CRSW) (Initial and renewal)	\$110.00
Examination fee.	\$115.00
Reinstatement fee (for every year lapsed)	\$100.00

The license period for the initial license is 12 months, and the license period for the renewal is 24 months.

O*Net Codes

21-1011.00	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors
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Additional Information Sources

International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
<www.internationalcredentialing.org>

New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association (NHADACA)
<www.nhadaca.org> | 603-225-7060