



California SUD Counselor Certification

CADTP Certification Levels

The CADTP Certification Levels details the education and work experience required to achieve each level of Substance Use Disorder certification, effective as of 1/1/19.

SUDRC-Substance Use Disorder Registered Counselor

- In accordance with HSC Section 11833(b)(1), any individual who provides counseling services in a licensed or certified DHCS AOD program, except for licensed professionals, must be registered or certified with a DHCS approved certifying organization.
- Registration is not equivalent to and is not an alternative to certification. Once registered the requirements for certification must be completed within five years, with an exception of a requested and approved personal hardship extension of an additional two (2) years.

SUDCC – Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor

- Passed the IC&RC Exam
- 315 hours of formal SUD related education
- 2080 hours of SUD related work experience (160 practicum)

SUDCC II – Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor – Advanced Experience

- Passed the IC&RC Exam
- 315 hours of formal SUD related education.
- 5 years or 10,000 hours of SUD work experience.

SUDCC III – Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor – Advanced Experience and Bachelor Level Education

- Passed the IC&RC Exam
- Bachelor's degree in SUD related education
- 5 years or 10,000 hours of SUD work experience.

SUDCC III-CS – Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor Clinical Supervisor (effective 1/1/19 all former CAODC-CS counselors will be grandfathered to the SUDCC III-CS upon renewal)

- Passed the IC&RC Exam
- Bachelor's degree in SUD related education
- 5 years or 10,000 hours of SUD work experience which includes 2 years' experience in the direct supervision of SUD Counselors.
- Completed 40 hours of Clinical Supervisor specific education

SUDCC IV: Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor – Advanced Experience and Master Level Education

- Passed the IC&RC Exam
- Master's degree in formal SUD related education
- 5 years or 10,000 hours of SUD work experience.

SUDCC IV- CS: Substance Use Disorder Certified Counselor Clinical Supervisor

- Passed the IC&RC Exam
- Master's degree in formal SUD related education
- 5 years or 10,000 hours of SUD work experience which includes 2 years' experience in the direct supervision of SUD Counselors.
- Completed 40-hours of Clinical Supervisor specific education