



California SUD Counselor Certification

Bulletin 13-03 Continuing Education – CEU's

The primary purpose of continuing education is to maintain and enhance the quality of substance abuse treatment services provided to the public. This is best accomplished by restricting continuing education to professional development courses that directly address the counseling and treatment of substance abuse and related disorders.

Acceptable Continuing Education Providers

There are many different types of CEU Providers. However, not all of them are qualified to teach (or provide trainings) that pertain to the substance use disorder counseling field, i.e. trainings that directly address the counseling and treatment of substance abuse and related disorders.

CADTP will only accept CEUs from its network of approved CEU Providers (listed on our website at <https://cadtpcounselors.org/ceu-providers/>), your employer if they are an approved CADTP CEU Provider, other DHCS California Certification Organizations, a government agency, or an organization contracted by a government agency.

Acceptable Continuing Education Topics

To renew certification, CADTP requires each certified SUD Certified (SUDCC) Counselor to complete a minimum of forty (40) hours of continuing education. The 40 hours must include three (3) hours of Ethics & Confidentiality, during each two-year period of certification.

Topics must meet the standards established in §13055, Chapter 8, Division 4, Title 9, California Code of Regulations requirements:

- Curriculum contained in TAP 21
- Ethics & Confidentiality
 - All counselors must attend at least three (3) hours of Ethics & Confidentiality. This may be done in one three-hour course, but the CEU certificate must indicate both topics. One may decide to attend a two-hour course of Ethics and a one-hour course of Confidentiality, this would be acceptable, so long as both topics are covered in at least three hours of time. Ethics courses must be on SUDCC Code of Ethics; Confidentiality must be on the federal regulations 42 CFR Part 2 and/or HIPPA.
- Provision of Services to special populations as it relates to SUD Counseling (e.g., co-occurring disorders, PTSD, individuals with disabilities, etc.)
- Communicable diseases including tuberculosis, HIV disease and Hepatitis C as they relate to SUD Counseling
- Prevention of Sexual Harassment
- Driving Under the Influence
- Counseling skills such as Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, etc.

On-Line CEU Courses

CADTP will accept on-line CEU courses from web based CEU providers listed on our website as CADTP approved providers. CEU's gained on-line must meet the topic and hourly requirements. Choose your on-line courses carefully.

CADTP will only accept 10 hours of CEU's from an on-line source gained each day. The exception is CEU's that are designated as bundled together and noted as a single course with a specific number of hours on one certificate. For example:

1. A 40 hour bundle would be acceptable as it is one course taken overtime and is documented on one certificate.
2. If more than 10 hours on multiple certificates are submitted with the same date only 10 CEU hours would be accepted for that date.

Unacceptable Continuing Education Topics

Not all topics relate to counseling persons in SUD services. All CEUs submitted to CADTP are subject to approval. Just because it says CEU on the document doesn't mean it means CADTP standards. Listed below are some examples of unacceptable CEUs.

- Improving Customer Service- while important to your employer it is not a counseling issue
- Communication Skills- unless the curriculum specifically relates to SUD counseling
- Law & Ethics (or jurisprudence)-good topic, but too general, must be on SUD Code of Ethics
- Confidentiality - unless the curriculum specifically relates to SUD counseling
- Diabetes or other health education - unless the curriculum specifically relates to counseling those with health issue and Substance Use Disorders
- CPR and/or First Aid – while these are important skill and your employer may require you to be certified in CPR/First Aid these are not counseling topics

Continuing Education Topics for Counselor Supervision (CS) Credential

Six (6) hours of Continuing Education on supervision topics are required every two (2) years to maintain the SUDCC-CS credential. These are inclusive, not additional to, the 40 hours required for SUDCC. What exactly are supervision CEU topics? These are subjects that help the supervisor mentor counselors in the SUD field. Topics or issues which help the supervisor run the program do not qualify as CS CEU's. While those subjects are important to the business they don't help the supervisor mentor, coach, or train their counselor subordinates.

For more information please feel free to contact us.

For a list of CADTP approved providers visit our website at <https://cadtpcounselors.org/ceu-providers/>

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