

DCB news

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NEW MENTAL HEALTH PEER CREDENTIAL NOW AVAILABLE

DCB is pleased to announce the availability of a new credential for mental health peers.

DCB worked with DSAMH representatives and mental health peers for over a year on the development of the new Certified Peer Support Specialist credential.

The new credential became effective January 1, 2015.

For more information on the credential, please visit the [DCB website](#).

CADC DEGREE REQUIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective January 1, 2018, the CADC credential will change from requiring a minimum high school diploma/GED to a minimum bachelor's degree. This change was discussed and unanimously approved by the DCB Board of Directors recently. With an effective date of 2018, the Board of Directors believes this is plenty of time for the field and professionals to be alerted to this change.

This effective date also provides ample time for professionals without a bachelor's degree but currently working in the field to apply for the CADC credential prior to the January 1, 2018 implementation date.

The degree requirement does not affect those who hold a current and valid CADC.

The bachelor's degree must be from an accredited college or university that is recognized by the US Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. An official transcript sent directly from the college/university to the DCB Office will be required as proof of the degree.

Again, professionals working toward their CADC who do not have a bachelor's degree will still be eligible to apply for the CADC **prior to the January 1, 2018 degree effective date**. After January 1, 2018, all professionals applying for their CADC will have to meet the new degree requirement.

CADC CREDENTIAL DOMAINS UPDATED

IC&RC has updated one of its international reciprocal credentials resulting in new domains for DCB's CADC credential. The four new domains for the CADC are effective immediately.

CADC PREVIOUS DOMAINS:

1. Clinical Evaluation
2. Treatment Planning
3. Referral
4. Service Coordination
5. Counseling
6. Client, Family & Community Education
7. Documentation
8. Professional & Ethical Responsibilities

CADC NEW DOMAINS:

1. Screening, Assessment & Engagement
2. Treatment Planning, Collaboration & Referral
3. Counseling
4. Professional & Ethical Responsibilities



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS?

DCB will present a free workshop on the certification process at your facility/agency for your staff upon request. This 1 ½ hour workshop will focus on the requirements for all levels of certification, recertification, and the examinations.

DCB approved education hours will be given to each participant for use toward initial certification or recertification. You will hear first-hand of any changes to the process, new credentials offered, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

To arrange for a free workshop at your facility/agency for 10 or more individuals, please call the DCB Office at 717-540-4456.

JOB POSTINGS AVAILABLE ON DCB'S WEBSITE

If you are an employer looking to fill a job opening or a certified professional searching for a new opportunity, DCB will list your employment opportunity on our website free of charge.

To have your job opening posted on our website, e-mail the announcement to info@delawarecertificationboard.org.

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

Stay in touch with DCB via email so you are the first, rather than the last, to receive notices about upcoming certification initiatives. Make sure we have your email address as most of our communication to you is done electronically.

Email DCB at info@delawarecertificationboard.org and provide us with your preferred email address.

30TH DAADAC CONFERENCE

The 30th DAADAC Conference will be held March 13th & 14th, 2015 at the Christiana Hilton Hotel. For more information on Trainings and Registration visit the [DAADAC website](#).

All trainings at the DAADAC conference are DCB approved.

IC&RC PRACTICE EXAMS AVAILABLE

IC&RC now has practice exams for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC), the Clinical Supervisor (CCS) and the Prevention Specialist (CPS) credentials. Each practice exam is designed to mimic exactly IC&RC's Computer Based Testing platform and are available to any interested professional. The fee for practice exams is \$49.00 (non-refundable). Practice exams are a great way of preparing to take the examinations that are part of the credentialing process in Delaware.

More information on practice exams and other exam preparation can be found by visiting [IC&RC's website](#).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADDICTION DISORDERS (NCAD)

Plan to attend the best national addiction conference being held this year in St. Louis, Missouri on August 1-4, 2015. With a wide variety of trainings for addiction professionals at all levels, the NCAD Conference is the one conference not to be missed. For more information, visit the [NCAD Conference website](#).

CONNECT WITH YOUR REGIONAL ATTC

Established in 1993 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the ATTC Network is comprised of 10 Regional Centers, 4 National Focus Area Centers, and a Network Coordinating Office. Together the Network serves the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Islands of Guam, American Samoa, Palau, the Marshal Islands, Micronesia, and the Mariana Islands.

The ATTC Network continuously strives to improve the quality of addictions treatment and recovery services by facilitating alliances among front line counselors, treatment and recovery services agency administrators, faith-based organizations, policy makers, the health and mental health communities, consumers and other stakeholders. By connecting them to the latest research and information through activities such as skills training, academic education, online and distance education, conferences, workshops, and publications, the ATTC Network responds to the emerging needs of the field.

As a nationwide, multidisciplinary resource for professionals in the addictions treatment and recovery services field, the ATTC Network serves to:

- Raise awareness of evidence-based and promising treatment and recovery practices,
- Build skills to prepare the workforce to deliver state-of-the-art addictions treatment and recovery services, and
- Change practice by incorporating these new skills into everyday use for the purpose of improving addictions treatment and recovery outcomes.

Delaware is part of the Central East Region ATTC headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland and administered by the Danya Institute. The Central East Region ATTC encompasses DE, PA, MD, VA, WV, and DC. For more information on the Central East Region ATTC, [visit their website](#).