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# CCDP

Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional  
IC&RC Reciprocal Credential

# APPLICATION

**Scope of Service:**

The Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional contains all of the requirements for the CADC and also requires a counseling related Masters degree, passing the Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional exam and specific professional experience in co-occurring disorders. The CCDP works with clients who have a primary diagnosis of both mental health and addiction problems. The CCDP is not a clinical practice credential and should only be used for work within health care or counseling settings. Private practice counselors must have a license approved by the Division of Consumer Affairs to provide independent counseling.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on your certificate)  
(Please note that degrees and other certifications are not permitted on your certificate)

Home Address (including zip code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Agency employed at \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address (including zip code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**The following is optional information, and does not affect certification. It is used for statistical purposes only:**

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity/Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose a check or money order for the \$175.00 non-refundable application fee.**

## **CERTIFIED CO-OCCURRING DISORDER PROFESSIONAL (CCDP)**

### **Breakdown of Non-refundable Fees**

- Application/Review Fee: \$175.00  
IC&RC Co-Occurring Disorders Professional Exam: \$145.00  
Recertification Fee: \$175.00 (every 2 years)

## **Requirements**

### **EDUCATION**

- Masters Degree in Co-Occurring Disorder or Behavioral Science by a Board approved accredited college or university.
- 200 hours education –
  - 140 hours must be in COD specific training (addiction and mental disorders combined)
  - 30 hours must be mentally ill specific education
  - 30 hours must be addiction specific training.
  - Of the 200 hours, 6 hours must be in counselor specific ethics.

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional work experience, a minimum of 2 years (4,000 hours), completed within the last 10 years.
- Counseling specific work experience during the last 10 years, a minimum of 1 year (2,000 hours).
- 200 hour Practicum in a COD specific job description.

### **TESTING**

- Successful completion of the IC&RC Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional Written Exam

## **Recertification Requirements**

- 40 Hours of continuing education hours must be in CCDP related topics from an approved provider every 2 years (topics include but are not limited to Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug related coursework).
- \$175 Non-refundable recertification Fee.

### **Please check the following items once they have been submitted with your application.**

- Application placed in the same page order it was received?
- Review fee attached to the front page?
- Applicant Information Sheet
- Supervised Practical Training Form
- Work Experience Form
- Job Description (On company letterhead, includes your name, the date and signed by your supervisor and program director).
- Program Description (If not a brochure or flier, must be on company letterhead and signed by program director).
- Applicant Resume
- Authorization and Release Form
- Statement of Understanding Form
- Ethical Standards

Applicant Recognition Statement Form

Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional

**200 HOUR SUPERVISED PRACTICAL TRAINING**

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR(S) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY WHERE PRACTICUM WAS COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICUM HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION**

<b>DOMAINS REQUIRED</b>	<b>PRACTICUM HOURS</b>	<b>COMPLETED (mo/year)</b>	<b>SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE</b>
SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT	34 HOURS		
CRISIS PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT	32 HOURS		
TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PLANNING	32 HOURS		
COUNSELING	30 HOURS		
MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF CARE	32 HOURS		
EDUCATION OF THE PERSON, THEIR SUPPORT SYSTEM AND THE COMMUNITY	20 HOURS		
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY	20 HOURS		
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>200 TOTAL</b>		

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**Supervisor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



ETHICAL STANDARDS  
FOR  
CERTIFIED CO-OCCURRING DISORDER PROFESSIONAL (CCDP)

The Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. (APCB, Inc.) wishes to thank the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) for the development of these Ethical Standards and for permission to use this amended version.

**Specific Principles**

**1. Principle 1: Non-Discrimination**

The CCDP shall not discriminate against clients or professionals based on race, religion, age, gender, disability, national ancestry, sexual orientation or economic condition.

- A. The CCDP shall avoid bringing personal or professional issues into the counseling relationship. Through an awareness of the impact of stereotyping and discrimination, the CCDP guards the individual rights and personal dignity of clients.
- B. The CCDP shall be knowledgeable about disabling conditions, demonstrate empathy and personal emotional comfort in interactions with clients with disabilities, and make available physical, sensory and cognitive accommodations that allow clients with disabilities to receive services.

**2. Principle 2: Responsibility**

The CCDP shall espouse objectivity and integrity, and maintain the highest standards in the services the member offers.

- A. The CCDP shall maintain respect for institutional policies and management functions of the agencies and institutions within which the services are being performed, but will take initiative toward improving such policies when it will better serve the interest of the client.
- B. The CCDP, as educator, has primary obligation to help others acquire knowledge and skills in dealing with the disease of alcoholism and drug abuse.
- C. The CCDP who supervises others accepts the obligation to facilitate further professional development of these individuals by providing accurate and current information, timely evaluations and constructive consultation.
- D. The CCDP who is aware of unethical conduct or of unprofessional modes of practice shall report such inappropriate behavior to the appropriate authority.

**3. Principle 3: Competency**

The CCDP shall recognize that the profession is founded on national standards of competency which promote the best interests of society, of the client, of the member and of the professional as a whole. The CCDP shall recognize the need for ongoing education as a component of professional competency.

- A. The CCDP shall recognize boundaries and limitations of their competencies and not offer services or use techniques outside of these professional competencies.
- B. The CCDP shall recognize the effect of impairment on professional performance and shall be willing to seek appropriate treatment for oneself or for a colleague. The CCDP shall support peer assistance programs in this respect.

**4. Principle 4: Legal and Moral Standards**

The CCDP shall uphold the legal and accepted moral codes which pertain to professional conduct.

- A. The CCDP shall be fully cognizant of all federal and New Jersey laws governing the practice of alcoholism and drug abuse counseling.
- B. The CCDP shall not claim either directly or by implication, professional qualifications/affiliations that they do not possess.
- C. The CCDP shall ensure that products or services associated with or provided by the CCDP or means of teaching, demonstration, publications or other types of media meet the ethical standards of this code.

**5. Principle 5: Public Statements**

The CCDP shall honestly respect the limits of present knowledge in public statements concerning alcoholism and drug abuse.

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- A. The CCDP, in making statements to clients, other professionals, and the general public shall state as fact only those matters which have been empirically validated as fact. All other opinions, speculations, and conjecture concerning the nature of alcoholism and drug abuse, its natural history, its treatment or any other matters which touch on the subject of alcoholism and drug abuse shall be represented as less than scientifically validated.
- B. The CCDP shall acknowledge and accurately report the substantiation and support for statements made concerning the nature of alcoholism and drug abuse, its natural history, and its treatment. Such acknowledgement should extend to the source of the information and reliability of the method by which it was derived.

**6. Principle 6: Publication Credit**

The CCDP shall assign the credit to all who have contributed to the published material and for the work upon which the publication is based.

- A. The CCDP shall recognize joint authorship and major contributions of a professional nature made by one or more persons to a common project. The author who has made the principal contribution to a publication must be identified as first author.
- B. The CCDP shall acknowledge in footnotes or in an introductory statement minor contributions of a professional nature, extensive clerical or similar assistance and other minor contributions.
- C. The CCDP shall in no way violate the copyright of anyone by reproducing material in any form whatsoever, except in those ways which are allowed under the copyright laws. This involves direct violation of copyright as well as the passive assent to the violation of copyright by others.

**7. Principle 7: Client Welfare**

The CCDP shall promote the production of the public health, safety and welfare and the best interest of the client as a primary guide in determining the conduct of all CCDP's.

- 1. The CCDP shall disclose their code of ethics, professional loyalties and responsibilities to all clients.
- 2. The CCDP shall terminate a counseling or consulting relationship when it is reasonably clear that the client is not benefiting from the relationship.
- 3. The CCDP shall hold the welfare of the client paramount when making any decisions or recommendations concerning referral, treatment procedures or termination of treatment.
- 4. The CCDP shall not use or encourage a client's participation in any demonstration, research or other non-treatment activities when such participation would have potential harmful consequences for the client or when the client is not fully informed.
- 5. The CCDP shall take care to provide services in an environment which will ensure the privacy and safety of the client at all times and ensures the delivery.

**8. Principle 8: Confidentiality**

The CCDP working in the best interest of the client shall embrace, as a primary obligation, the duty of protecting client's rights under confidentiality and shall not disclose confidential information acquired in teaching, practice or investigation without appropriately executed consent.

- A. The CCDP shall provide the client his/her rights regarding confidentiality, in writing, as part of informing the client in any areas likely to affect the client's confidentiality. This includes the recording of the clinical interview, the use of material for insurance purposes, the use of material for training or observation by another party.
- B. The CCDP shall make appropriate provisions for the maintenance of confidentiality and the ultimate disposition of confidential records. The CCDP shall ensure that data obtained, including any form of electronic communication, are secured by the available security methodology. Data shall be limited to information that is necessary and appropriate to the services being provided and be accessible only to appropriate personnel.
- C. The CCDP shall adhere to all federal and New Jersey laws regarding confidentiality and the CCDP's responsibility to report clinical information in specific circumstances to the appropriate authorities.

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D. The CCDP shall discuss the information obtained in clinical, consulting, or observational relationships only in the appropriate settings for professional purposes that are in the client’s best interest. Written and oral reports must present only data germane and pursuant to the purpose of evaluation, diagnosis, progress, and compliance. Every effort shall be made to avoid undue invasion of privacy.

E. The CCDP shall use clinical and other material in teaching and/or writing only when there is no identifying information used about the parties involved.

**9. Principle 9: Client Relationships**

It is the responsibility of the CCDP to safeguard the integrity of the counseling relationship and to ensure that the client has reasonable access to effective treatment. The CCDP shall provide the client and/or guardian with accurate and complete information regarding the extent of the potential professional relationship.

- A. The CCDP shall inform the client and obtain the client’s agreement in areas likely to affect the client’s participation including the recording of an interview, the use of interview material for training purposes, and/or observation of an interview by another person.
- B. The CCDP shall not engage in professional relationships or commitments that conflict with family members, friends, close associates, or others whose welfare might be jeopardized by such a dual relationship.
- C. The CCDP shall not exploit relationships with current or former clients for personal gain, including social or business relationships.
- D. The CCDP shall not under any circumstances engage in sexual behavior with current or former clients.
- E. The CCDP shall not accept as clients anyone with whom they have engaged in sexual behavior.

**10. Principle 10: Inter-professional Relationships**

The CCDP shall treat colleagues with respect, courtesy, fairness, and good faith and shall afford the same to other professionals.

- A. The CCDP shall refrain from offering professional services to a client in counseling with another professional except with the knowledge of the other professional or after the termination of the client’s relationship with the other professional.
- B. The CCDP shall cooperate with the APCB, Inc. Ethics Committee and promptly supply necessary information unless constrained by the demands of confidentiality.
- C. The CCDP shall not in any way exploit relationships with supervisees, employees, students, research participants or volunteers.

**11. Principle 11: Remuneration**

The CCDP shall establish financial arrangements in professional practice and in accord with the professional standards that safeguard the best interests of the client first, and then of the counselor, the agency, and the profession.

- A. The CCDP shall inform the client of all financial policies. In circumstances where an agency dictates explicit provisions with its staff for private consultations, clients shall be made fully aware of these policies.
- B. The CCDP shall consider the ability of a client to meet the financial cost in establishing rates for professional services.
- C. The CCDP shall not engage in fee splitting. The CCDP shall not send or receive any commission or rebate or any other form of remuneration for referral of clients for professional services.
- D. The CCDP, in the practice of counseling, shall not at any time use one’s relationship with clients for personal gain or for the profit of an agency of any commercial enterprise of any kind.
- E. The CCDP shall not accept a private fee for professional work with a person who is entitled to such services and still requests private services.

**12. Principle 12: Societal Obligations**

The CCDP shall to the best of their ability actively engage the legislative processes, educational institutions, and the general public to change public policy and legislation to make possible opportunities and choice of service for all human beings of any ethnic or social background whose lives are impaired by alcoholism and drug abuse.

By signing, I attest that I have read the above Ethical Standards and agree to abide by them.

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS’ SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS’ NAME (PLEASE PRINT)** \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLICANT'S RECOGNITION STATEMENT

The applicant identified below acknowledges that the applicant is seeking certification from the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. (hereinafter "The Board"). The applicant hereby recognizes and agrees as follows:

1. Applicant agrees to observe and abide by the Ethical Standards adopted by The Board as same may be amended from time to time. Applicant acknowledges that the present form of ethical standards attached hereto and that the applicant has read and understood same.
2. Applicant recognizes and agrees that any certification, or renewal thereof, granted by The Board to the applicant constitutes recognition by The Board that the applicant is qualified, based on the information before The Board, for the certification granted. Applicant recognizes and agrees that any certification, or renewal granted by The Board, does not constitute a property right or interest of the applicant. The applicant specifically recognizes and agrees that the certification or renewal is specific to suspension, revocation or other limitation or condition in the discretion of The Board. The applicant specifically recognizes the authority of The Board to suspend, revoke or otherwise impose limitations, restrictions and conditions on any certification granted.
3. Applicant agrees to cooperate in connection with any investigation conducted by The Board with respect to the applicant's certification, and continued qualification to hold same. The applicant further agrees that the applicant's failure to cooperate with any such investigation (a) shall in itself constitute an ethical violation for which discipline may be imposed and (b) may be considered by The Board as an admission of wrongdoing.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM

I hereby authorize the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. to make any inquiry of any agency, facility, organization or individual for any and all additional information which might be necessary to fully and properly evaluate my application for the Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional (CCDP).

I hereby release and hold harmless the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc., its Board of Directors, its Officers, its employees, servants, and agents from any and all manner of suits, actions, claims, and judgments which might arise from such efforts to further document the statements and claims I have made in this application or in the processing or consideration of same.

I further acknowledge, understand, and agree that any falsification or misrepresentation of information by myself or others regarding experience and/or qualifications will be sufficient reason for disapproval of my application or for withdrawal of the credential at a later date.

I understand that evaluations on me which are submitted by supervisors and/or colleagues are confidential. I hereby relinquish my right to review these evaluations.

I also affirm that I conform to the Ethical Standards as described in the requirements for credentialing.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby apply for certification to the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. I understand that approval of my application depends upon my successfully completing the assessment of competency as established by the Board. I also understand that for research and statistical purposes only, the data from this application may be used in a non-identifying manner.

I also understand this credential is designed to recognize individuals working with chemically dependent clients and is not restricted to primary alcohol/drug counselors.

Any counselor or applicant who contests the Certification Board's Ethics Division has a right to appeal to the full Board for a final decision. Those who further wish to contest the final appeal may seek remedy in the courts.

Additionally, LCADC/CADC applicants may make a final appeal through the Marriage and Family Board under the Department of Law and Public Safety.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_