



## Clinical Addictions Counseling Pre-licensure disclosure

The Clinical Addictions Counseling graduate program at Indiana Wesleyan University seeks to prepare the program graduate for licensure and service in the Clinical Addictions Counseling profession. Licensure procedures vary by state. The procedure in the state of Indiana is as follows:

To become a Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor under Indiana State Licensure Law is a two-tiered process. Prior to entering an academic program the applicant must be able to clear a background check. Applicants can request a review to be eligible for licensure in the state of Indiana before entering a graduate program.

### Graduate School Academic Course Work

The State of Indiana requires applicants to complete a master's program in Clinical Addictions Counseling or post graduate work that includes specific academic addictions course work, that meets Indiana state law. It is preferred in state law that the program be accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC). See excerpt from Indiana State Law below or visit the Indiana Professional Licensure Agency, Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board. <https://www.in.gov/pla/social.htm>

### Examination & Post Graduate Requirements

Up to three months before graduation of an eligible academic program, applicants can apply for licensure and have two years to satisfy post graduate requirements. The requirements consist of passing an exam and 200 hours of post graduate clinical supervision. Once an applicant provides the needed documentation and pays the fee, they can take and successfully pass the [Master Addictions Counselor Exam](#) (MAC), through the joint auspices of the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) and the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)

After passing the national exam, individuals are awarded their Licensed Clinical Addictions Associate (LCACA) license. They will have two years to collect their clinical and supervision requirements needed for the Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor (LCAC) license.

### **Regulatory Requirements for entry-Level practice in Indiana (IC 25-23.6-10-5.6 Educational requirements)**

#### **IC 25-23.6-10.5-6 Clinical addiction counselor educational requirements**

Sec. 6. (a) An applicant under section 2 of this chapter must complete the following educational requirements:

- (1) Twenty-seven (27) semester hours or forty-one (41) quarter hours of graduate course work that must include graduate level course credits with material in at least the following content areas:

- (A) Addiction counseling theories and techniques.
  - (B) Foundations of addiction counseling.
  - (C) Psychopharmacology.
  - (D) Psychopathology.
  - (E) Clinical appraisal and assessment.
  - (F) Theory and practice of group addiction counseling.
  - (G) Counseling addicted family systems.
  - (H) Multicultural counseling.
  - (I) Research methods in addictions.
  - (J) Areas of content as approved by the board.
- (2) At least one (1) graduate level course of two (2) semester hours or three (3) quarter hours in the following areas:
- (A) Legal, ethical, and professional standards issues in the practice of addiction counseling and therapy or an equivalent course approved by the board.
  - (B) Appraisal and assessment for individual or interpersonal disorder or dysfunction.
- (3) At least one (1) supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience in an addiction counseling setting that requires the applicant to provide seven hundred (700) hours of clinical addiction counseling services and that must include the following:
- (A) Two hundred eighty (280) face to face client contact hours of addiction counseling services under the supervision of a licensed clinical addiction counselor who has at least five (5) years of experience or a qualified supervisor approved by the board.
  - (B) One hundred (100) hours of supervision from a licensed clinical addiction counselor who has at least five (5) years experience as a qualified supervisor approved by the board.
- (4) Any qualifications established by the board under subsection (c).
- (b) The content areas under subsection (a)(1) may be combined into any one (1) graduate level course if the applicant can prove that the course work was devoted to each content area.
- (c) The board shall adopt rules to establish any additional educational or clinical qualifications as specified by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs or a successor organization.
- (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(B), an individual is not required to have a graduate level course credit in foundations of addiction counseling before July 1, 2021, to be eligible for licensure as a clinical addiction counselor. This subsection expires July 1, 2021.
- As added by P.L.122-2009, SEC.29. Amended by P.L.49-2019, SEC.10.*
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#### States for which the IWU curriculum meets the State educational requirements for licensure or certification

- Indiana

#### States for which the IWU curriculum does not meet the State educational requirements for licensure

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#### States for which it has not yet been determined whether the IWU curriculum meets the State educational requirements for licensure

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona

- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas

- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming