**§6214-C. Certified alcohol and drug counselor; qualification for certification**

**1. Eligibility.**  To be eligible to practice as a certified alcohol and drug counselor, an applicant must:

A. Be at least 18 years of age; [PL 2003, c. 347, §16 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 347, §25 (AFF).]

B. Have taken and passed an examination as prescribed by board rule; [PL 2003, c. 347, §16 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 347, §25 (AFF).]

C. Have paid an application and certification fee as set under section 6215; and [PL 2003, c. 347, §16 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 347, §25 (AFF).]

D. Meet one of the following educational requirements:

(1) A high school diploma or its equivalent and a minimum of 4,000 hours of documented clinically supervised work experience as an alcohol and drug counseling aide consisting of at least 3 of the following alcohol and drug treatment functions:

(a) Clinical evaluation consisting of intake screening and differential assessment;

(b) Treatment planning, including initial, ongoing and discharge planning;

(c) Counseling of individuals, groups, couples or families;

(d) Case management. For purposes of this paragraph, "case management" means services that include, at a minimum, assessment of the needs of a client and the client's family, service planning, referral and linkage to other services, advocacy, monitoring and crisis management; or

(e) Client and family education; or

(2) At a minimum, course work as defined by board rule or an associate degree from an accredited college or university in behavioral sciences, addiction counseling or a related field as defined by board rule. [PL 2003, c. 347, §16 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 347, §25 (AFF).]

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