

CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR (CADC)



Description of a CADC

A Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor provides individual or group alcohol and drug counseling services within an agency setting. A CADC will lead/ perform individual and direct group counseling under the supervision of a certified clinical supervisor.

Note: An alcohol and drug counseling aide may not engage in independent or private practice.

CADC Work Settings and Populations Served

- A CADC works directly with people of all ages in recovery from alcohol and/or drug use disorders
- Work in a variety of settings

Hiring Requirements

A person applying as a CADC must pass a criminal background check given by the employing agency.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED and minimum of 4,000 hours of supervised work experience as Alcohol and Drug Counseling Aide (ADCA)

OR

- Associate's level degree from accredited institution in a related field, or 30 hours of approved related coursework

CAREER PATHWAY

A person who is working as a CADC can move into the following positions with additional education:

Health Services:

- LADC
- CNA
- CNA-M
- LPN
- Medical Assistant
- Nursing Degree

Human Services:

- MHRT-I
- DSP
- CIPSS
- MHRT-C