

CCS APPLICATION

Certified Clinical Supervisor

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – READ CAREFULLY

Prior to applying, all requirements must be met and documented.

Do not apply until all requirements are met.

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Mail: RICB, 298 S. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109
- **2. Email:** <u>info@ricertboard.org</u> *NOTE:* Only PDFs are permitted. Photos of applications are not accepted.
- **3. Fax:** 717-540-4458 NOTE: faxing is an unreliable technology. Receiving a confirmation of fax does not indicate it has been received. To confirm receipt of application, email info@ricertboard.org.

REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS

- 1. Application submitted to RICB. To confirm receipt of application, email RICB at the above email address.
- 2. Staff reviews application. Allow up to 10 business days for review and processing.
- Applicant will be emailed if there is any documentation missing or there are questions regarding an application. Applications with pending problems will be held open for one year from date of receipt after which they will be closed.
- **4.** An application is considered approved when applicant receives an email from the testing company to register for the examination.
- 5. Follow all instructions to register for the examination provided in the email.
- 6. If you have not heard from RICB regarding your application or received an email from the testing company to register for the examination after 10 business days, email info@ricertboard.org.
- 7. Once you pass the examination, you are certified.
- 8. A certificate will be mailed to you within 10 business days.

CERTIFIED CLINICAL SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS

All requirements below must be met to apply.

Domains:

- 1. Counselor Development
- 2. Professional and Ethical Standards
- 3. Program Development and Quality Improvement
- 4. Performance Evaluation
- 5. Administration
- 6. Treatment Knowledge

PREREQUISITE

REQUIRED: Hold a current and valid, CADC, CAADC, CCDP, CCDPD, or CCJP **OR** a specialty credential in another professional discipline in the human services field at the master's level or higher.

Transcripts do not have to be resubmitted if you hold a current and valid credential with RICB.

If you do not hold a current and valid credential with RICB and you are applying based on holding a relevant master's degree, it is recommended you obtain documentation approximately three weeks prior to sending in your application. Documentation of master's degree may be mailed to RICB or emailed to info@ricertboard.org by the educational institution prior to application.

The degree must be from an accredited college/university that is recognized by the US Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. An official transcript sent directly from college/university is required. If the degree is from outside the United States, a degree equivalency must done by an organization that specializes in that process. The applicant is responsible for arranging this process and paying for all costs.

It is recommended you request transcripts approximately three weeks prior to sending in your application.

If you have a sealed official transcript in your possession, you may mail it in the sealed envelope to RICB prior to your application arriving or mail it in with your application.

If you have outstanding debt or other issues which prevent the college/university from releasing your official transcript, you must resolve these issues with the school prior to applying for certification.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

REQUIRED: 30 hours of clinical supervision education/training in the specific CS Domains.

Education is defined as formal, structured instruction in the form of workshops, trainings, seminars, in-services, college/university credit courses, and online education.

There is no limit to the amount of online education that may be submitted.

Most three-credit college/university courses count as 45 hours. One training CE/CEU counts as one hour.

Out of state education is acceptable.

All education/training must be documented. College courses are documented with an official college transcript. Trainings are documented with copies of training certificates.

Training certificates must have the applicant's name, title of training, date(s) of training, the number of hours being awarded, and the name of training organization. Training certificates submitted without this required information on them will not be accepted.

If a training title on a certificate of attendance does not clearly indicate the education content, attach a copy of the training description.

Training registration forms and/or training sign-in sheets are not acceptable forms of documentation.

Training must be non-repetitive meaning the same training cannot be claimed more than one time even if the training is taken on different dates from different providers.

Official employer training tracking system/learning management system reports may be acceptable forms of documentation for education/training provided that the report contains the name of the employee/applicant, titles of each training, dates of each training, the number of hours of each training, and is signed by the applicant's supervisor.

There is **no time limit** on when the education/training was received.

CLINICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

REQUIRED: Five (5) years of full time or 10,000 hours of part-time ADC work experience AND

REQUIRED: Two (2) years of full-time or 4000 hours of part-time of ADC supervisor work experience providing clinical supervision to substance use disorder or co-occurring disorder counselors. The two years (4000 hours) of ADC clinical supervisor work experience may be included in the five years of counseling work experience.

Qualifying counseling work experience is defined as:

- 1. Providing primary, direct, clinical, substance use disorder or co-occurring counseling to persons whose primary diagnosis is that of substance use disorder or providing supervision of said counseling.
- 2. Having primary responsibility for:
 - a. Providing substance use disorder counseling in an individual and/or group setting
 - b. Preparing treatment plans,
 - c. Documenting client progress, and
 - d. Being clinically supervised.

No other work experience in the drug and alcohol field can be used for counselor certification other than what is stated above.

Qualifying clinical supervision work experience is based on a specific aspect of staff development dealing with the clinical skills and competencies for persons providing counseling. The format for supervision is commonly one-to-one and/or small groups on a regular basis. Methods for review often include case review and discussion, utilizing direct and indirect observation of a counselor(s) clinical work.

Qualifying work experience can be from multiple employers to accumulate the required years/hours.

If the applicant's work experience requirement is not fulfilled from their current employer, they must include documentation from previous employer(s) verifying their title, duties and dates employed with their application. DO NOT submit a resume as proof of previous work experience. Applicant must contact previous employers and request detailed documentation of their employment from them.

The applicant must be currently employed as a clinical supervisor at the time of application.

All work experience must have occurred within the last seven (7) years. Volunteer work is not acceptable. Time spent participating in or facilitating mutual support groups is not acceptable.

Clinical internships completed as part of a college degree program may be eligible to use toward the required work experience. Internships must be ones in which the student was providing drug and alcohol counseling as described on page 11 of this application under Work Experience; internships must be well documented by the agency in which the internship occurred; internships must have been supervised; internships must appear on the official college transcript.

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION

REQUIRED: Copy of current clinical supervisor job description, which must be signed by both the applicant and their immediate clinical supervisor.

All applicants must include a copy of their current clinical supervisor job description. This document is provided by your employer and must be signed and dated by the applicant and their immediate supervisor.

Job descriptions determine and verify eligible current work experience. Job description must clearly delineate clinical supervision as a primary function of the position.

If you have held different counselor and/or clinical supervisor positions with your current employer, please provide all relevant job descriptions with the application. For instance, if you started as a counselor assistant, then you were promoted to a Counselor I and then a Counselor II and then to a Clinical Supervisor, include all job descriptions.

In lieu of job description(s), employer may provide an official position description on agency letterhead. This required documentation must include the applicants' dates of employment (to/from) employment status (full-time or part-time), title of position, a detailed description of the duties and responsibilities for the position, and the average number of hours per week the applicant worked.

ON-THE-JOB SUPERVISION

REQUIRED: 200 hours of on-the-job supervision must be face-to-face clinical supervision (only 100 of those hours may be performed electronically in real time), with a minimum of 10 hours of supervision in each specific CS Domain.

Supervision is a formal or informal process that is evaluative, clinical, educative, and supportive. It ensures quality of clinical care and extends over time. Supervision includes observation, mentoring, coaching, evaluating, inspiring, and creating an atmosphere that promotes self-motivation, learning, and professional development. In all aspects of the supervision process, ethical and diversity issues must be in the forefront.

RICB has no requirements for who provides supervision.

Supervision can be provided in an individual, one-on-one setting and/or observation of skills or group supervision setting.

Supervision can be provided by more than one supervisor. In this case, provide a copy of page 12 of this application to all the supervisors documenting supervision on your behalf.

EXAMINATION

REQUIRED: Once application is approved, applicant must pass the IC&RC Examination for Clinical Supervisors (CS examination).

Examination information provided on page 6 and on IC&RC's website: www.internationalcredentialing.org.

CERTIFICATION FEE

REQUIRED: Reciprocal Credential - \$250.00 or Specialty Credential - \$350.00 (fee includes examination and must accompany certification application)

The fee may be paid by check, money order or with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

If an employer or organization is paying the fee, they must include the applicants name with the payment.

Fee payment information provided on page 9 of this application. E-receipts will be sent if using a credit card for payment. Receipts for check or money order payments must be requested by applicant to RICB.

Applications received without payment will not be processed.

One-half of the fee is refundable if application is denied or cancelled prior to the examination. No refund will be issued if application is denied or cancelled after examination.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Email addresses provided to RICB must be active accounts that are checked regularly. We will not be able to contact you or register you for the examination without an email address. Please print legibly.

Applicants must either live or work in RI at the time of application.

This certification is an international, reciprocal credential recognized and transferrable to many other states and countries.

LICENSING

This certification is a prerequisite for licensing. To obtain or renew your license, the certification must remain active, valid and in good standing. License renewal is done through the Rhode Island Department of Health, Chemical Dependency Licensing Board in October of even years. RICB does random checks throughout the year

to verify those who are licensed have also renewed their certification(s). If a professional is found to be out of compliance, their name will be submitted to the Licensing Board. Questions regarding the licenses should be directed to the Department of Health. For more information on licensing, visit: https://health.ri.gov/licenses/.

APPEAL PROCESS

The purpose of appeal is to determine if RICB accurately reviewed an application that is denied. A letter requesting an appeal must be sent to RICB within 30 days of the notification of RICB's action. An applicant shall be considered notified three days after the relevant date of mailing. The appeal will be sent to the RICB Executive Committee who will thoroughly review the entire application and materials to determine whether or not applicant should have been denied approval. The applicant will be notified in writing as to the findings of the Executive Committee.

FELONIES & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

While felonies and disciplinary actions from other certification/licensing entities may not prohibit certification, documentation is required to be submitted at the time of application. Certification through RICB does not mean a professional should not disclose this information to potential employers and does not in any way exonerate charges.

REQUESTS TO CHANGE APPLICATION

Professionals who wish to have their application re-reviewed for another credential RICB offers prior to taking the examination or after an unsuccessful attempt at the examination will incur a \$50 application change/review fee.

CERTIFICATION TIME PERIOD

Certification encompasses two calendar years beginning on the date the applicant passes the examination. The certificate issued to the professional lists the following information: name of professional, credential name, date of issue, date of expiration and certification number.

RECERTIFICATION

To maintain the high standards of professional practice and to assure continuing awareness of new knowledge in the field, the Board requires recertification every two years. Professionals should review the Recertification Application for credential specific requirements listed on the Board website well in advance of their expiration date.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

TYPE OF EXAMINATION

The successful completion of an IC&RC examination is required. The examination is computer based, 150 multiple-choice questions, and offered at approved testing sites statewide. Candidates choose the day, time, and site for their examination. Once an application is approved, candidates will receive an email from the testing company with instructions for scheduling their examination.

TIME PERMITTED

Three hours are permitted to complete the examination.

EXAMINATION CONTENT

The examination is developed from the IC&RC Job Analysis which identifies domains and tasks for competent practice. Domains for the examination are: Counselor Development; Professional & Ethical Standards; Program Development & Quality Assurance; Assessing Counselor Competencies & Performance; Treatment Knowledge.

CANDIDATE GUIDE

The domains, including the task statements per domain, sample examination questions, and a list of references from the IC&RC Job Analysis are included in the Candidate Guide. Candidate Guides are available from the RICB website.

STUDY MATERIAL

Professional study guides and practice exams have been published for the examination. This information can be found on the IC&RC's website at: www.internationalcredentialing.org.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals with disabilities and/or religious obligations that require modifications in examination administration may request specific procedure changes in writing with official documentation to RICB no fewer than 60 days prior to their examination date. Contact RICB on what constitutes official documentation. RICB will coordinate appropriate modifications to the examination process when documentation supports the need.

CANCELLATION/RESCHEDULING POLICY

Candidates are required to arrive on time for their examination. Candidates who arrive late will not be permitted to take the examination and will be charged a \$175.00 cancellation/rescheduling fee. Candidates who cancel or reschedule their examination less than five days prior to their scheduled date will be charged the full examination fee. Candidates who cancel or reschedule more than five days before their scheduled date will be charged a \$25.00 cancellation/rescheduling fee.

RETESTING

Candidates who fail the examination can retest after a 90-day wait period from the date of their last examination. Candidates will be sent instructions and fee information. Candidates have three (3) opportunities to retake an examination. If a candidate fails the examination four (4) times, they must submit a study plan to RICB and wait one-year from the date of the final failed examination before they will be permitted to retest again.

CCS: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application can be completed and saved. You may then print the appropriate pages to submit to RICB.

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _			
Applicant Name:			
Print your nam	e as it should appear on your certificate. Cred	lentials and degrees will not be printed.	
Pronouns:	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):		
Have you ever received any di If yes, provide full details on a separat	sciplinary action from another certification to the sheet.	ion/licensing authority? □ Yes □ No	
Have you read and understood The Code of Ethical Conduct is located	d the RICB Clinical Code of Ethical Conductor at www.ricertboard.org/ethics .	ct? □ Yes □ No	
CONTACT INFORMATION			
Home Address:			
		e: Zip:	
Cell Phone:			
Primary Email:			
	RINT LEGIBLY: EMAIL IS OUR PRIMARY WAY C	OF COMMUNICATING WITH YOU.	
Secondary Email:			
DEMOGRAPHICS Data is never released with identifying	g information. It is used to report workforce data to	o state and federal agencies.	
What is your gender?	Do you	identify as transgender?	
□ Female	□ Yes		
□ Male	□ No		
□ Nonbinary	□ Prefe	er not to disclose	
□ Prefer to self-describe:			
□ Prefer not to disclose			
How do you describe your sex	ual orientation or sexual identity?		
☐ Heterosexual or straight	au onemation of sexual ruentity.		
☐ Gay or lesbian			
□ Bisexual			
□ Queer			
□ Questioning or unsure			
☐ Prefer to self-describe:			
□ Prefer not to disclose			
Which best describes you?			
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander		ıl (please specify):	
□ Black or African American		ecify):	
☐ Hispanic or Latino		□ Prefer not to disclose	
$\hfill \square$ Native American or Alaska N	lative		
□ White or Caucasian			

What is your yearly income? □ Less than \$20,000 □ \$20,000 to \$34,999 □ \$35,000 to \$49,999 □ \$50,000 to \$74,999 □ \$75,000 to \$99,999 □ Over \$100,000	Do you have military experience? Active duty Reserve National Guard Veteran Not Applicable	
□ Unsure□ Prefer not to disclose		
Language(s) spoken fluently (check all that apply):		
 American Sign Language Arabic Chinese English French German Indigenous Language Italian 	 □ Korean □ Polish □ Portuguese □ Russian □ Spanish □ Tagalog (Filipino) □ Vietnamese □ Other, please specify:	
Employment plans for the next two years (check all that apply) Obtain full time employment/Increase hours Obtain part-time employment/Decrease hours No change Retire Move to a different career/field Unknown	:	
What is the highest degree or level of school you have complete (If you're currently in school, please check the highest degree you have completed High school degree or equivalent (e.g. GED) ☐ Trade, Technical or Vocational School ☐ Some college, no degree ☐ Associate degree (e.g. AA, AS) ☐ Bachelor's degree (e.g. BA, BS)		
PAYMENT INFORMATION		
FEE OF \$250 OR \$350 CAN BE PAID USING ONE OF THE FO	DLLOWING (CHECK ONE):	
☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Disco	over American Express	
☐ My employer/organization is mailing payment directly to RICB.		
Number:		
Sec. Code: Exp. Date: Name	on Card:	
Billing address: (If different than Home Address)		
Email for receipt (if paying by credit card only):		

REQUIRED: Hold a current and valid, CADC, CAADC, CCDP, CCDPD, or CCJP OR a specialty credential in another professional discipline in the human services field at the master's level or higher. I hold a current and valid RICB clinical credential. Yes No

CCS: EDUCATION/TRAINING

☐ Mailed to RICB☐ Emailed to RICB

REQUIRED: 30 hours of clinical supervision education/training in the specific CS Domains.

I have included copies of training certificates. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have included a copy of my training tracking system/learning management system report. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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immediate supervisor. **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION** Employer Name: _____ Employer City: _____ Zip: _____ Applicant Position/Title: Start Date in Current Position: How many hours do you work per week? ______ Total hours/years worked in current position? I have attached my current clinical supervisor job description, dated and signed by both me and my supervisor. ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you need to document previous employment to fulfill the experience requirement? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the section below AND submit a letter (on company letterhead) from previous employer(s) verifying your duties and dates employed must be included with your application. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE) Letter (on company letterhead) from previous employer(s) verifying your title, duties & dates employed must be included with your application. Organization Name: _____ Organization City: Zip: Applicant Position/Title: Start Date in Position: _____ End Date in Position: ____ How many hours did you work per week? ______ Total hours/years worked in previous position? ______ Organization Name: Organization City: Zip: Applicant Position/Title: End Date in Position: Start Date in Position: How many hours did you work per week? Total hours/years worked in previous position?

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Information below is to be completed by applicant's current and/or previous clinical supervisor(s).

This page is to document the supervision hours provided to t	:he applicant, <u>not their total work hours.</u>
The total hours of supervision should be 200 hours but could employment or could be less if the applicant was provided so	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Applicants may copy this page and provide it to previous sup	ervisors.
Applicant Name:	
SUPERVISOR INFORMATION	
Name:	
Position/Title:	
Licenses, Certifications and/or Degrees:	
	Phone:
Employer Name:	
Employer City:	Zip:
SUPERVISION DOCUMENTATION	
Supervision was provided to the above-named applicant in	the following Domains:
DOMAIN	EXACT NUMBER OF HOURS
☐ Counselor Development	
☐ Professional & Ethical Standards	
☐ Program Development & Quality Assurance	ce
☐ Assessing Counselor Competencies & Per	formance
☐ Treatment Knowledge	
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF SUPERVISIO	N:
Supervisor Attestation:	
l attest that the above-named applicant has been provided v	vith supervision as documented above.
Supervisor Signature	 Date

CCS: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RELEASE

This page must be completed by the applicant.

RELEASE

I request that the Rhode Island Certification Board (RICB) grant the credential to me based on the following assurances and documentation:

- I subscribe to and commit myself to professional conduct in keeping with the RICB Code of Ethical Conduct;
- I certify that the information given herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also authorize any necessary investigation and the release of information relative to my application;
- Falsification of any documents will nullify this application and will result in denial or revocation of certification;
- I consent to the release of information contained in my application and any other pertinent data submitted to or collected by RICB to officers, members, and staff of the aforementioned Board;
- I consent to authorize RICB to gather information from third parties regarding education, employment and/or supervision and understand that such communication shall be treated as confidential;
- Allegations of ethical misconduct reported to RICB before, during, or after application for certification is made will be investigated by RICB and could result in the nullification of the application or denial or revocation of certification.

INITIAL EACH STATEMENT

PRINT NAME LEGIBLY

	I have read and understood this Acknowledgements and Release.
	I either live or work in Rhode Island at least 51% of the time.
	I understand one-half of the application fee is refundable if application is denied or cancelled prior to the examination and no refund will be issued if application is denied or cancelled after examination.
	I understand that my application is open for a period of one year after the date of review. If I fail to fulfill all certification requirements within that year, the application will be closed, and no refund will be issued.
	I understand that if I request to have my application re-reviewed for another credential RICB offers prior to the examination, or after an unsuccessful attempt at the examination I will incur a \$50 change/review fee.
Applio	cant: Signature: Date: