



RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION BOARD

There are many pathways to certification, and no “wrong door” for professionals to enter through. The Rhode Island Certification Board (RICB) has developed the following to outline the general requirements for certification, as well as the requirements to obtain other credentials. RICB offers credentials that help a professional progress along a career ladder. While some professionals may choose to stay at a certain level, progression through the ladder comes with the proper experience, education and examination. Professionals may begin wherever their current experience and education level permit. For more detailed requirements, please review the corresponding application on RICB’s website at www.ricertboard.org. RICB offers several certifications:

- Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS)
- Certified Community Health Worker (CCHW)
- Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PADC)
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC)
- Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC)
- Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional (CCJP)
- Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional (CCDP)
- Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS)
- Student Assistance Counselor (SAC)

	CPRS	CCHW	PADC	CADC	CCJP	CCDP	CAADC	CCS	SAC
Education	46 hours	70 hours	140 hours	270 hours	270 hours	200 hours	180 hours	30 hours	60 hours
Experience	500 hours	1000 hours	1 year	3 years	3 years	3 years	1 year	2 years	1350 hours
Supervision	25 hours	50 hours	150 hours	300 hours	200 hours	200 hours	100 hours	200 hours	70 hours
Exam	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Degree	High School Diploma/GED	N/A	High School Diploma/GED	High School Diploma/GED	High School Diploma/GED	Bachelor’s	Master’s	Master’s or Prerequisite certification	Master’s

Common Job Titles of Professionals Seeking Certification

Professionals seeking certification hold many job titles. This is not intended to be a full list of what is accepted, but rather a guide to what job titles fall under a specific certification. If you have questions regarding job title, or responsibilities you should contact RICB.

CPRS

House Manager
Recovery Coach
Recovery Navigator
Recovery Specialist
Program Aide

CCHW

Navigator
Community Health Worker
Consultant
Case Manager
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COUNSELOR CERTIFICATIONS*

Counselor Assistant
Junior Counselor
Counselor
Addiction Therapist
Clinical Supervisor

*Counselor Certifications include: PADC, CADC, CAADC, CCDP, and CCJP

Benefits of Certification

- *Certification identifies professionals who are specialists in the field*, setting them apart from others not certified.
- *Certified professionals are recognized in state and national insurance legislation.*
- *Certification is based on industry standards and evidence-based practices.*
- *Certification is a marketing tool for the professional* when seeking employment or advancement.
- *Certification is a marketing tool for the agency* when promoting their services to the public, the client, potential clients, and payers.
- *Certification provides public protection* and a grievance process for those harmed.

For more information or if you need assistance determining your next steps, please email info@ricertboard.org. or call 401.349.3822.