

Clinical Alcohol & Drug Counselor Licensure

Pathways for Mental Health Clinicians seeking LCADC licensure in Nevada

Base Requirement: Master's Degree in a counseling field — Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Social Work, etc. — with **major coursework in clinical mental health**.

 *Unsure if your degree qualifies?* Complete the **LCADC Required Courses Worksheet** found on our website and submit it with all required documentation for a transcript review.

Your Situation Determines Your Path

1 Currently an Intern Under Another Board (MFT / CPC / LCSW)

Dual licensure route via CADC-I → LADC or LCADC



START AS CADC-I OR CLCADC-I

Complete your **SUD hours** under this Board while interning under your MFT/CPC/LCSW board.



THEN APPLY FOR...

LADC — if you have not yet finished your mental health hours

LCADC — once you have completed your mental health hours



Already hold LADC and are licensed as LCSW, MFT, or CPC? You can upgrade to **LCADC for just \$25**.

2 Not Pursuing Dual Licensure — Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Single-board route: CLCADC-I → LCADC



APPLY AS CLCADC-I

Not pursuing licensure through another board.



COMPLETE BOTH HOUR TYPES DURING INTERNSHIP

Under an **LCADC Supervisor**, accumulate both:

1,500 Mental Health Hours

1,500 SUD Hours



APPLY FOR LCADC

Once both hour requirements are met, submit application for full **LCADC** licensure.



EXAMS REQUIRED

After application is submitted and approved, you will take all three exams:

NCMHCE → IC&RC AADC Exam → Oral Exam

3 Currently Licensed (MFT, LCSW, or CPC)

Expedited route: CADC-I or CLCADC-I → LCADC



REDUCED HOUR REQUIREMENT

As a fully licensed Mental Health Professional, you only need to complete **1,000 substance use hours** under this Board — as **CADC-I** or **CLCADC-I**.

1,000 SUD Hours (reduced)



EXAMS REQUIRED FOR LCADC

Upon submitting your LCADC application, you are required to take:

IC&RC AADC Exam + Oral Exam

Potential Hour Reduction — NAC 641C.205



Applies to all pathways. Depending on your graduate coursework, the Board may count you as having already met up to **2,500 hours** — potentially reducing your required supervised postgraduate hours.



SUD Counseling Hours

NAC 641C.205(2)(a)

The Board may consider you to have successfully completed **1,250 hours** of supervised postgraduate counseling of persons with **alcohol and other substance use disorders** if your graduate degree included:

6 Semester Hours

or 9 Quarter Hours

of study *specifically related* to counseling of persons with alcohol and other substance use disorders, from an accredited college or university.



Co-Occurring Disorders Hours

NAC 641C.205(2)(b)

The Board may consider you to have successfully completed **1,250 hours** of supervised postgraduate counseling of persons with **mental illness who also have substance use disorders** if your graduate degree included:

6 Semester Hours

or 9 Quarter Hours

of study *specifically related* to counseling of persons with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders, from an accredited college or university.

Application & Fees



APPLICATION FEE
\$150



PROCESSING FEE
\$60



WRITTEN EXAM
\$185



ORAL EXAM
\$150



TOTAL REQUIRED
\$545

Application + Processing + Written Exam + Oral Exam



PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE
+ \$125 optional



NCMHCE Requirement: If you have not already passed the NCMHCE, you will be approved to register for it once your application is reviewed and deemed eligible. You *must pass the NCMHCE* before proceeding to the IC&RC AADC and Oral Exam. **All three exams are required for LCADC.**



Submit application via the Application Portal link on our homepage at alcohol.nv.gov