

**641C.276 NAC Native American Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors: Qualifications for certificate; designation. ([NRS 641C.200, 641C.390](#))**

1. A person who has contracted with or receives a grant from the Federal Government to provide services as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to persons who are authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq. may apply for a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor without satisfying the educational requirement set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of [NRS 641C.390](#) if the person satisfies all of the other requirements set forth for certification as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor in this chapter and [chapter 641C](#) of NRS.

2. For a person described in subsection 1 to qualify for certification as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor, the person must:

(a) Have received a high school diploma or a general education diploma and have completed 270 hours of formal education approved by the Board, including the minimum hours required pursuant to subsection 3; or

(b) Have been issued a credential to provide counseling services relating to alcohol and drug abuse by the Southwest Indian Substance Abuse Certification Board or the Northwest Indian Council on Chemical Dependency.

(c) To satisfy the requirements for formal education set forth in subsection 2, the education must include at least 10 hours of instruction in each of the following skills:

(a) Screening;

(b) Intake;

(c) Orientation;

(d) Assessment;

(e) Treatment planning;

(f) Counseling;

(g) Case management;

(h) Crisis intervention;

(i) Client education;

(j) Referral;

(k) Reports and recordkeeping; and

(l) Consultation with other professionals.

4. For the purposes of this chapter and paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of [NRS 641C.390](#), the Board will consider an applicant for a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor who has contracted with or receives a grant from the Federal Government to provide services as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to persons who are authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq. to have successfully completed 1,000 hours of supervised counseling of drug and alcohol abusers if the applicant has successfully completed an associate's degree in a field of social science approved by the Board.

5. A person who is issued a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to this section must be referred to as a Native American Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor.

6. As used in this section, "formal education" means formal, structured instruction received after the receipt of a high school diploma or a general education diploma, including, without limitation, workshops, seminars, institutes, courses from an accredited college or university or

distance learning that is specifically related to the knowledge and skills necessary to perform activities and services relating to assessments, counseling, case management, and educational and professional responsibilities and ethics.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Exam'rs for Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Counselors by R157-03, eff. 12-16-2003)

**NAC 641C.277 Native American Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors: Certification without examination.** ([NRS 641C.200](#), [641C.300](#))

1. An applicant for a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor described in [NAC 641C.276](#) who is applying for certification without examination pursuant to [NRS 641C.300](#) must submit to the Board:

(a) A written application on a form prescribed by the Board.

(b) The applicable fee.

(c) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant was issued a credential to provide counseling services relating to alcohol and drug abuse by the Southwest Indian Substance Abuse Certification Board or the Northwest Indian Council on Chemical Dependency that is currently valid and in good standing.

(d) A statement concerning whether the credential issued by the Southwest Indian Substance Abuse Certification Board or the Northwest Indian Council on Chemical Dependency has ever been suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted for any reason.

(e) The complete set of fingerprints required pursuant to [NRS 641C.260](#) and the amount of the fees charged by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the handling of the fingerprints and issuance of the reports of criminal histories.

(f) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has satisfied any other requirements set forth in this chapter and [chapter 641C](#) of NRS to engage in the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.

2. If an applicant for a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of [NAC 641C.276](#) applies for certification without examination and holds or previously held a credential issued by the Southwest Indian Substance Abuse Certification Board or the Northwest Indian Council on Chemical Dependency which is or was suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted, or if the applicant has otherwise been subjected to any discipline for any reason by the entity which issued the credential, the Board will review and consider the specific facts and circumstances surrounding the suspension, revocation, restriction or disciplinary action, and may use this review and consideration in determining whether to issue a certificate without examination to the applicant or to deny his or her application for certification without examination.

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**NAC 641C.278 Native American Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors: Authorized activities.** ([NRS 641C.200](#), [641C.390](#)) A person who is issued a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor by the Board pursuant to [NAC 641C.276](#):

1. May only provide counseling services relating to alcohol and drug abuse to those persons who are authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.

2. Shall represent himself or herself only as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor certified to provide counseling services to persons who are authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. and 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq. 2.

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