



**Louisiana Addiction Counselor
Training Program**
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Credentialing Process for Addiction Professionals in Louisiana

By State law, right to practice credentials for Addiction Professionals are issued by the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (ADRA) after specific educational and experiential requirements are met and the appropriate test is passed. Information about specific requirements is on the ADRA web site www.la-adra.org.

Please Note that ADRA is required by state law to do criminal background checks on all applicants for any credential or status. Applicants who have any felony convictions or charges pending or who are on probation must clear all charges and complete their probation period before they may apply for a waiver of felony conviction. Not all felonies will be waived, and without such waiver an applicant will be denied.

Louisiana has a three-tiered credentialing system for Addiction Professionals:

- **Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC)** - requires a master's degree in a human science field plus 2000 hours of supervised addiction work, of which 300 hours must be under supervision of a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS).
- **Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC)** - requires a bachelor's degree in a human science field plus 4000 hours of supervised addiction work. of which 300 hours must be under supervision of a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS).
- **Registered Addiction Counselor (RAC)** - no degree is required; 6000 hours of supervised addiction work is required, of which 300 hours must be under supervision of a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS).

The entry level into the credentialing process is to register as a **Counselor in Training (CIT)** with the ADRA. Before applying for the CIT status, candidates must obtain the required 180 substance abuse specific hours of education. CIT applicants must be employed in the addiction field under the supervision of a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS).

The **total educational** requirement for becoming credentialed is 300 contact hours of addiction education, of which 180 hours must be substance abuse specific. LASACT provides these 180 addiction specific hours through the Louisiana Addiction Counseling Training (LACT) Program. Careful attendance records are kept, and students receive credit only for those hours which they attend.

Students are responsible for payment of tuition for any class missed and may make up the class for no additional fee the following year when the class is offered again. Or they may get the necessary hours through other methods, such as attendance at LASACT's annual Conference, workshops, college classes, online courses, etc. However, they must be sure that any make-up classes are acceptable to ADRA as **substance abuse specific** to complete the 180 hours.



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The 120 hours to complete the total of 300 can be related to addiction but don't have to be specific to it. These hours can be obtained through LASACT's annual Conference, LASACT's other educational offerings, and other offerings as listed in above paragraph. Another option is online classes offered through Distance Learning Center for Addiction Studies (DLCAS.com) with whom LASACT has a cooperative agreement to provide the courses. College courses that meet ADRA approval can also be used.

When credentialing applicants complete both the educational and experiential requirements, they apply to ADRA for approval, after which they are scheduled for testing. LASACT administers the testing with legally defensible tests obtained from the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC). All testing is Computer Based Testing (CBT) and can be taken at any time. Testing candidates must pay the test fee of \$285 to LASACT **prior** to testing. Candidates who fail the test are responsible for re-testing fees of \$285, which must be paid **prior** to a test being ordered for them.

Prior to testing, candidates will benefit from taking LASACT'S "Test Preparation Workshop", which is offered three times a year in Baton Rouge. When candidates successfully pass the IC&RC test, they will receive their credential from ADRA and will be listed as credentialed on the ADRA web page database. Credentials must be renewed every two years with 48 hours of continuing education in addition.



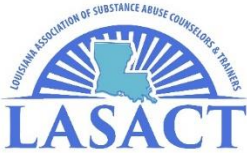
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**Educational Foundation Student
Financial Requirements**

SERVICE:	DESCRIPTION:	PAYABLE TO:	PRICE:
LASACT Dues for 3 years @ \$90 per calendar year	LASACT membership is required for a 50% discount of \$1000 on tuition & discounts on test preparation workshop & other educational events.	Pay to LASACT	\$270
LACT tuition	1 year - includes materials fee of \$95	Pay to LASACT	\$1295 (Includes 50% discount)
CIT application fee	See www.la-adra.org for fee information	Pay to ADRA	\$111
CIT annual renewal Fee	See www.la-adra.org for fee information	Pay to ADRA	\$50
Credential Application	See www.la-adra.org for fee information	Pay to ADRA	\$186
Test Fee (LAC, CAC, RAC)	Hotel / meal / gas reimbursement may be needed for travel to test site - Pay to Student / Hotel	Pay to LASACT	\$285
Test Preparation Workshop Fees	Hotel / meal / gas reimbursement may be needed for travel to test site - Pay to Student / Hotel	Pay to LASACT	Members \$ 79; non-members \$ 99
Practice Test Fee		Pay to LASACT	\$ 49
Book	<i>Getting Ready to Test: A Review and Preparation Manual for Drug - and Alcohol Credentialing Exams</i> available from www.readytotest.com .	Pay to LASACT	\$175.00 (subject to change;
120 hours of additional study on addictions from DLCAS to complete legal requirement	300 hours of education are required to obtain the right to practice credential (LAC, CAC, or RAC). Up to 72 Hours may be obtained by attending annual LASACT Conferences for 3 years plus Test Preparation Workshop for 6 hours for a total of 78 hours. An acceptable 3-hour college course = 45 contact hours.	Pay to LASACT	\$1,000.00 (approx. online)



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**LASACT Conference 2023 Registration
Financial Requirements**

**LASACT Annual Conference for 3 years, including:
registration, hotel room, transportation, and meals**

These amounts vary from year to year, depending upon the location of the Conference. State rates should apply. Conference attendance allows participants to gain 24 or more education hours for credentialing, to stay current on addiction issues, and to develop a peer and professional network through interaction with statewide and national addiction professionals. At the rate of 24 hours per year they can earn 72 of the required 120 education hours.

Conference fees - The 2023 Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge from:
Sunday July 30th - August 2nd 2023

Registration fee is paid to LASACT.

HOTE BOOKING LINK:

https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/baton-rouge/btrca/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qIta=99801505&icdv=99801505&qSIH=BTRCA&qGrpCd=SAC&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=CP&qDest=4728+Constitution+Avenue%2C+Baton+Rouge%2C+LA%2C+US&sr_b_u=1

SERVICE:	DESCRIPTION:	PAYABLE TO:	PRICE:
Hotel	Students will need payment for travel, including parking fees, hotel, and meals.	Pay to Student / Hotel	Approx. \$418 for 3-night stay
Registration: Early Bird Rate	A special low rate applies for students enrolled in LACT at time of Conference applicable until: July 3rd 2023	Pay to LASACT	\$200
Registration: Regular Rate	A special low rate applies for students enrolled in LACT at time of Conference applicable from: July 4th – July 29th 2023	Pay to LASACT	\$230
Registration: At The Door Rate	A special low rate applies for students enrolled in LACT at time of Conference applicable from: July 30th – August 2nd 2023	Pay to LASACT	\$250

Conference registration fees in succeeding years are subject to change.
Both LASACT and ADRA are approved state vendors.