



Ohio

Chemical Dependency
Professionals Board

WELCOME FALL ! OCTOBER 2021 UPDATES

TWO NEW PATHS FROM CDCA TO LICENSURE STARTING OCTOBER 1st

HB 5 passage allows any CDCA holder that has both continuously held an active certificate since at least Dec 31, 2008 and practiced chemical dependency counseling while under required supervision to apply for LCDCII licensure without having to meet the requirement of holding a degree. It also is required there are no Board action for ethics violations on their CDCA. All other requirements for licensure must be met, and this opportunity is only available for three years. Please see license requirements on our website ocdp.ohio.gov under Certification and Licensure, Treatment Forms, LCDCII and apply online. College/University transcripts will not be expected if you hold a CDCA and meet all the above requirements.

This House Bill also allows for a faster track for students with an associate's or bachelor's degree in either a behavioral science or nursing with a specialization in chemical dependency counseling to move toward LCDCII licensure. These college students while holding a CDCA must successfully completed, over the course of not more than any two semesters, at least 240 hours of supervised practicum experience in substance use disorder counseling with at least 2 hours of supervision per week to be able to provide only an additional 1000 hours of compensated work experience to meet the work experience requirement for the LCDCII. (usual requirement is 2000 hours total) The practicum program must provide intensive outpatient treatment or higher level of care, and a form provided by the board must be signed by the accredited university that the student completed this specialized program and had a minimum of 2 hours per week of clinical supervision while participating in the practicum/ internship. The applicant must still complete the practical work experience in the core functions as part of their practicum and/or compensated work experience.

EXTENDED RENEWALS

Many licenses/certificates were given extensions to renew during the latter part of 2020 through 7/1/21. Even though extensions were given, expiration dates for the next renewal cycles were not necessarily extended. Courtesy renewal reminders may be sent out by the board but It is every professionals responsibility to be aware of their status and expiration date of their license/certificate **and** be prepared to have completed the full required continuing education renewal requirements **between** renewal cycles. Please verify your expiration date

at elicense.ohio.gov as some of these extended licenses/certificates now have a shorter period of time to obtain CEUS for their next renewal.

NEW INACTIVE, LAPSED STATUS

[Elicense.ohio.gov](http://elicense.ohio.gov) beginning Oct 8th will show the status/substatus of **inactive, lapsed** if a license/certificate is not renewed by its expiration date. Licenses/Certificates, *except* CDCAPRE and RA, are renewable every 2 years. Once lapsed, there is a two year grace period to renew an inactive, lapsed license/certificate with a late fee. If a license/certificate is not renewed before the end of the grace period, they will expire permanently. CDCA preliminary certificates (CDCAPRE) that are inactive, lapsed have one year from expiration date to apply for the CDCA which then is renewable. License/certificate holders are still bound by the Code of Ethical Practice and Professional conduct 4758-8 while in inactive, lapsed or inactive, escrow status.

INACTIVE ESCROW STATUS

Those who do not need an active license to practice due to leaving the field, moving out of state or due to an extended illness may put their active, renewable license in inactive, escrow status for up to five years. The fee is \$75.00 beginning October 8th and the license/certificate can be renewed anytime while in the five year escrow status by meeting renewal requirements.

If a license/certificate holder cannot renew for other reasons such as not meeting the CEU requirements, financial reasons or not currently working in the field, the license/certificate will automatically go inactive, lapsed for the two-year grace period upon expiration. An inactive, lapsed license/certificate can be renewed anytime within those two years with a late fee to receive active status.

Failure to renew within five years for an escrowed license, or two years for a renewable license/certificate will result in a completely expired license/certificate.

MANDATORY USE OF CE BROKER FOR RENEWAL CEUS

Beginning July 1, 2022 it will be mandatory that CEU certificates to meet renewal requirements must be uploaded onto a personal CE Broker account prior to renewing the license or certificate in [elicense](http://elicense.ohio.gov). CE Broker is the Board's electronic continuing education tracking and compliance system. CE Broker allows individuals to log completed continuing education (CE) courses and upload certificates of attendance. If you do not have a CE Broker account, please visit our website ocdp.ohio.gov under Continuing Education, CE Tracking, to find out how to get an account.

EARN CEUS FOR RENEWAL BY TEACHING A COURSE OR WORKSHOPS

A maximum of ten CEUs may be granted for presenting a workshop or teaching chemical dependency related courses for those with treatment licenses, and the same for presenting a workshop or teaching prevention related courses for those who hold a OCPS or OCPC. One CEU is given for each contact hour of training. Credit is not granted for preparation time.

WORK EXPERIENCE/SUPERVISION REPORTING

Currently the online system will not let an applicant bypass the work experience attachment areas. Please upload a "blank" document in areas requiring work experience attachments in elicence (i.e. supervisor reference form, practical experience form, and job description). We are working to fix and make these attachment areas optional in the application process for our Ohio applicants. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Also, if you are applying for the CS or GAMB endorsement, online supervision reporting is not an option at this time.

REQUIRED "AOD PRIMARY PREVENTION SPECIFIC" EDUCATION CONTENT FOR PREVENTION CERTIFICATION

To meet this requirement, the content of the learning must lead to outcomes that correlate specifically to substance use prevention. For example: training on prevention education curriculums that have proven outcomes as it related to substance use prevention, training on evidence-based practices as it relates to substance use prevention outcomes.

Also considered meeting this requirement would be education courses on tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, only if the course learning relates back to knowledge needed for preventionists, not for clinical knowledge needed for counseling/treatment.

BOARD STATEMENTS TO CLARIFY ETHICAL ISSUES

Two new board statements were approved by the Board at their August meeting, one on self-reporting impairment issues and the other on departure from leaving employment. These statements can be found at the link below

<https://ocdp.ohio.gov/Laws-Rules/Board-Positions-Statement>

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