

Benefits of Certification

- Ability to transfer certification to other states and jurisdictions.
- International recognition of a competency based certification.
- Recognition of specific area of practice and higher level of education certifications.
- The only Peer Recovery Certification recognized by the Texas HHSC.

IC&RC is the gold standard for testing and has the most states and countries that accept these certifications.

What are the differences between certification and licensure?

Certification is a process by which a non-governmental organization grants recognition to an individual who has met predetermined qualifications and has demonstrated a level of knowledge and skill required in a profession specified by that organization.

Licensure is a governmental grant of legal authority, pursuant to that government's power, to practice a profession within a particular scope of practice.

The Texas Certification Board

engages in the following functions:

- Certifies counselors beyond their license;
- Administers certification examinations;
- Certifies continuing education providers;
- Monitors and enforces counselor ethics;
- Works to promote IC&RC reciprocity.

The Texas Certification Board upgrades and standardizes the qualifications of those working in areas of substance use disorder counseling, clinical supervision, and prevention throughout Texas.

TCB is a proud member of IC&RC, the global leader in the credentialing of substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery professionals.

IC&RC has 73 member certification and licensing boards in 48 U.S. states and territories, four Native American regions, all branches of the U.S. military and 11 international regions.



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Which Texas Certification is Right for You?

Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (AADC) * **Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor (ADC) ***

These credentials upgrade and standardize qualifications of those working in the field of substance use disorder counseling.

Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) * **Advanced Certified Prevention Specialist (ACPS)** **Associate Prevention Specialist (APS)**

These credentials upgrade and standardize qualifications of those working in the areas of behavioral health and prevention.

Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS) * **Clinical Supervisor Designation (CSD)**

These credentials upgrade and standardizes qualifications of those working in the field of supervision.

Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professionals (CCJP) * **Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional Applicant Status (CCJP-A)**

These credentials include the unique blend of substance misuse issues and those related more specifically to criminal justice.

Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) *

This credential standardizes qualifications of those working in peer recovery support within the field of substance use disorder, mental health, and/or co-occurring disorders.

** These Certifications have reciprocity with other IC&RC Member Boards.*

Certified Family Partner is a person who has lived experience parenting a child experiencing mental, emotional or behavioral health challenges and who can articulate the understanding of their experience with another parent or family member.

Re-Entry Peer Specialist (JI-RPS) creates a professional opportunity for formerly incarcerated persons to use their lived experience to help others.

Peer Instructor & Training Entity standardizes qualifications of those working in Peer Services Training within the field of substance misuse, mental health, and/or co-occurring disorders.

Mental Health Peer Specialist (MHPS)
Recovery Support Peer Specialist (RSPS)
Peer Specialist Supervisor (PSS)

These credentials standardize qualifications of those working in Recovery Support Peer within the field of substance use disorder, mental health, and/or co-occurring disorders.

The three certifications above are Medicaid billable.

**For more information
about any of these
certifications go to
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