



ACADEMIC TRAINING PLAN FOR CALIFORNIA SUD CREDENTIALING

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Course Title/AB2473 Competency	Academic Content Area	Hours
Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Persons with Co-Occurring Disorders (COMP H)	Abnormal Psychology/Introduction and Overview	30
Theory and Practice of Addiction Counseling	Abnormal Psychology/Introduction and Overview	15
CONTENT AREA HOURS NEEDED:		45
Basic Pharmacology for Treatment Professionals (COMP F)	Physiology and Pharmacology of Alcohol and Other Drugs	15
Detoxification Services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Physiology and Pharmacology of Alcohol and Other Drugs	12
The Science of Addiction: From Neurobiology to Treatment	Physiology and Pharmacology of Alcohol and Other Drugs	30
CONTENT AREA HOURS NEEDED:		57
Basic Ethics for Addiction Professionals (COMP J)	Law and Ethics	12
Confidentiality Requirements for AOD Professionals (COMP I)	Law and Ethics	10
Counseling Functions: Crisis Intervention and Suicidality for the Substance Abuse Professional	Law and Ethics	15
Counseling Functions: Screening & Patient Placement for the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (COMP G)	Law and Ethics	15
CONTENT AREA HOURS NEEDED:		52
Counseling Functions: Case Management and Referral Services for the Substance Abuse Professional (COMP D)	Case Management: Assessment, Orientation, Treatment Planning and Relapse Prevention/Aftercare Planning	12
Counseling Approaches to Promote Recovery From Problematic Substance Use and Related Issues (COMP L)	Case Management: Assessment, Orientation, Treatment Planning and Relapse Prevention/Aftercare Planning	15
Counseling Functions: Treatment Planning and Documentation for the Substance Abuse Professional (COMP E)	Case Management: Assessment, Orientation, Treatment Planning and Relapse Prevention/Aftercare Planning	10
Diagnosing Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders: Using the DSM Structure (COMP A)	Case Management: Assessment, Orientation, Treatment Planning and Relapse Prevention/Aftercare Planning	15
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Counseling Functions: Basic Counseling Information – Individual Counseling Skills for the Substance Abuse Professional	Individual, Group, and Family Counseling	15
Counseling Functions: Working with Families – Guidelines and Techniques for the Substance Abuse Professional	Individual, Group, and Family Counseling	15
CONTENT AREA HOURS NEEDED:		45
Human Development: Perspectives on Addiction and Recovery	Personal and Professional Growth	12
Improving Cultural Competence: Behavioral Health Treatment for Major Racial and Ethnic Groups (COMP C)	Personal and Professional Growth	6
Personal and Professional Wellness for the Substance Abuse Counselor (COMP K)	Personal and Professional Growth	15
Understanding and Using the New ASAM Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related and Co-Occurring Conditions (COMP B)	Personal and Professional Growth	12
CONTENT AREA HOURS NEEDED:		45
TOTAL BASIC EDUCATION HOURS NEEDED:		296
DLCAS 45-hour Practicum (45-hour educational course) **	Supervised Practicum Course	45
TOTAL CURRICULUM HOURS NEEDED:		341

**** Students will also need to obtain 255 hours of supervised work experience in order to meet the complete Supervised Practicum requirement**



AB2473 Core Competencies

- COMP A:* Knowledge of the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.
- COMP B:* Knowledge of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria and continuum of ASAM levels of care, or other similar criteria and standards as approved by the department.
- COMP C:* Cultural competence, including for people with disabilities, and its implication for treatment.
- COMP D:* Case management.
- COMP E:* Utilization of Electronic Health Record Systems.
- COMP F:* Knowledge of medications for addiction treatment.
- COMP G:* Clinical documentation.
- COMP H:* Knowledge of co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions.
- COMP I:* Confidentiality.
- COMP J:* Knowledge of relevant law and ethics.
- COMP K:* Understanding and practicing professional boundaries.
- COMP L:* Delivery of services in the behavioral health delivery system.



Exemptions

AB 2473 provides certain exemptions:

1. **Existing Counselors:** Counselors in good standing who registered with a state-approved certifying organization prior to July 1, 2025, are exempt from the new hour requirements.
2. **Advanced Degree Holders:** Counselors in good standing with a master's degree in psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, or counseling are exempt from the core competency requirements.

FULL CREDENTIALING:

Once you have completed the initial competency trainings you must also complete a minimum 50 hours of AOD education annually towards the required 315 hours of training. **IMPORTANT:** There is a **5-year limit** on being registered at the entry-level; this period begins with the initial registration date.