

17-302.4.

To qualify as a certified associate counselor—alcohol and drug an applicant shall:

(1) Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution approved by the Board in a health or human services counseling field or have completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training to such a program of studies;

(2) Have completed not less than 3 years, with a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised experience in alcohol and drug counseling approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the bachelor's degree;

(3) Have a minimum of 20 credit hours in alcohol and drug counselor training as defined in § 17-302.3(d)(4) of this title; and

(4) (I) Practice alcohol and drug counseling under the supervision of a certified professional counselor—alcohol and drug or another health care provider approved by the Board; OR

(II) PROVIDE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING AS AN EMPLOYEE OF AN AGENCY OR FACILITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR THAT IS CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

17-306.

(c) (1) The Board shall waive the requirements for certification as a certified professional counselor—alcohol and drug under § 17-302.3 of this subtitle for any person who:

(i) Has filed a letter of intent with the Board by July 1, [ 1997] 1998;

(ii) Holds a master's or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field or has completed a program that the Board determines to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training as a master's or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field;

(iii) As of July 1, [1996] 1997, is certified as a certified chemical dependency counselor [or certified clinical supervisor] , ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER by the Maryland Addiction Counselor Certification Board, ANOTHER STATE, THE CERTIFICATION COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS, OR THE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION RECIPROCIY CONSORTIUM, OR IS EMPLOYED IN THE CAPACITY OF A PROGRAM SPECIALIST I, II, III, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER, IF THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR AN ENTITY THAT PROVIDES ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND