

OVERVIEW OF GRADUATE LICENSURE PROCESS – LGADC
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THIS APPLICATION IS NOT A PRE-APPLICATION CREDENTIAL EVALUATION

Application: An application for the graduate license and attachment forms are **required** of all applicants. The application must be typed or printed legibly. The application must be notarized. Incomplete and non-legible applications will be returned.

FEES – Application Fee of **\$200** must be submitted with the application.
FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Criminal History Records Check: All applicants are required to complete a state and federal criminal history records check **before** they are approved to take any exam and obtain certification or licensure. (Separate form will be mailed to the applicant upon application approval).

Requirements:

Education – Applicants must hold a **48** credit Master’s degree or higher in a Health and Human Services counseling field from a regionally accredited college or university **OR** hold a degree judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and training. Applicants who hold a Master’s degree in a Health and Human Services counseling field must have at least **27** credits of alcohol and drug counseling coursework that **must include the following** 3 semester credit (5 quarter credit) courses:

- (a) Medical Aspects of Chemical Dependency (Pharmacology)
- (b) Addictions Treatment Delivery
- (c) Ethics that includes alcohol and drug counseling issues
- (d) Group Counseling
- (e) Individual Counseling
- (f) Abnormal Psychology

AND three (**3**) of any of the following 3 semester credit (5 quarter credit) courses in:

- (h) Family Counseling
- (i) Theories of Counseling
- (j) Human Development
- (k) Topics in substance related and addictive disorder
- (l) Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders

Applicants who hold a Master’s degree judged substantially equivalent by the Board must have at least **51** credits that includes the **27** credits required and remaining **24** credits in a Human Service counseling area (ex: Psychology, Social Work, Human Services, Alcohol and Drug/Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Counseling, etc.):

Examination: Applicants must pass the Master Addiction Counselor (MAC) exam and the Maryland State Law Test.

- (1) The MAC exam is administered via computer through NAADAC (The Association for Addiction Professionals)
- (2) The Maryland Law Test is administered twice a month from January – October and administered once in November and December at the Board Office.
- (3) In order to sit for the examinations all graduate licensure applicants must meet the education requirements.

Maryland Licensed Graduate Alcohol & Drug Counselor



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LICENSE NUM/DATE: _____
 EMAC SCORE/DATE: _____
 LAW SCORE/DATE: _____
 BCKGRD RESULTS: _____
 REVIEWER: _____
 DATE REVIEWED: _____
 COMMENTS: _____

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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

VETERANS AND SPOUSAL PREFERENCE

- 1) Are you an active service member or the spouse of an active service member? Yes No
 (If yes, enclose copy of military identification)
- 2) Are you a veteran or the spouse of a veteran who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable within one (1) year of filing this application? Yes No (If yes, enclose copy of military identification)

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Social Security No.		Date of Birth:		Place of Birth:		
Last Name		Maiden		First Name		
				MI		
Home Address:						
	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code	
If less than 3 years provide prior address.						
	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code	
Mailing Address:(If different than above)						
	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code	
Business Name and Address:						
	Name	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code
Home Phone:	Work:	Cell:	Email:			

Province/Country if not U.S.

GENDER AND ETHNICITY: *This information is optional and will be used for statistical purposes by authorized personnel.*

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? Yes No

Check all that apply.

American Indian or Alaska Native

Black or African American White

Asian

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

SECTION I:

Academic History and Credentials

Criteria: **Master's Degree (48 semester credits) Human Services Counseling field from a regionally accredited college or university**

Directions: Please list your relevant educational history below, beginning with your most recent college education. **Official Transcripts are required.**

College or University	Date(s) of Attendance	Degree Awarded/Major

SECTION II:

EXAMINATION

All applicants must pass the **MAC (Master Addiction Counselor) exam** and **Maryland State Law Test**

Have you taken and passed the MAC examination Yes No

If you have passed the MAC examination, please include official results.

Have you taken and passed the Maryland Law Test Yes No

If No, you must meet the education requirements before you will be authorized to take the MAC or Law Test.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. Have you ever been denied initial application, reinstatement, or renewal of a license and/or certification by any state licensing or disciplinary board? (*including Maryland*) Yes No

If "yes" explain reason(s).

B. Has any state licensing or disciplinary board ever taken any action against your license and/or certification, including but not limited to limitations of practice, required education, admonishment, reprimand, revocation, suspension? Yes No

If yes, explain circumstance(s).

C. Has an investigation or charges ever been brought against you by any State Licensing or Disciplinary Board? Yes No

If yes, explain circumstance(s).

D. Have you ever been charged with a crime, pled guilty, nolo contendere, or been convicted of or received probation before judgment of any criminal act (excluding traffic violations) in any state? (*including Maryland*) Yes No

If "yes" provide the following information: Use separate sheet if necessary. If information is not provided the application is incomplete.

Provide Explanation and True Test Copy of Disposition of Charges issued by the Court from the State where the criminal act occurred. Include the Date of Conviction:

Where convicted:

Charge(s):

E. Are you currently (*or have ever been*) an Alcohol and Drug Counselor Trainee? Yes No

If "yes", when does your "Trainee Status" expire?

F. Are you currently (or have ever been) a CSC-AD CAC-AD CPC-AD Yes No If "Yes", when does your certification expire?

G. Are you currently licensed as an (*check appropriate box*) LCPC? LGPC? LCMFT? LGMFT?
LCPAT LGPAT LBA (Behavior Analyst) None of the above

H. Are you currently licensed by another **Maryland** Board in Mental Health Counseling or other Health Occupation? Yes No

If yes, please specify license held (Ex: LCSW-C, LGSW, Psychologist, Nurse)

I. Are you currently licensed by a Mental Health Counseling Board **outside of Maryland**? Yes No

If yes, please specify license held

J. Do you have any physical or mental condition that currently impairs your ability to practice counseling or that would cause reasonable questions to be raised about your physical, mental, or professional competency? Yes No (If yes, please explain)

AFFIDAVIT

In making this application to the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the issuance of a license, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists and to take all examinations necessary to the processing of my application. Upon issuance of a license, I agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics. I further understand that the fee submitted with this application is NON-REFUNDABLE.

I agree to hold the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, its members, officers, agents, and examiners free from any damage or claim of damage or complaint by reason of any action taken in connection with this application, the attendant examination, the grades with respect to any examination, and/or failure of the Board to issue me a license. I hereby grant permission to the Board to seek any information or references it deems fit in securing my credentials pertinent to this application.

I understand, by law, it is my responsibility to notify the Board in writing if I change my address of residence.

I do hereby affirm that all statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Furthermore, I voluntarily consent to a thorough review of the information in this application and other activities for the purpose of verifying my qualifications for licensure.

Applicant Signature _____

Date: _____

NOTARY

State of _____

City/County of _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared _____, and made oath in due form that the contents of the foregoing Affidavit are true.

Notary Public Signature _____

Commission Expires _____

**ATTACH APPLICANT
PHOTOGRAPH IN THIS
AREA (RECENT 2"x2")**

COURSE DESCRIPTION FORM FOR Licensed Graduate Alcohol & Drug Counselor (LGADC)

Requirements: A Master's degree with 48 graduate credits and 27 credits from the topic areas listed below OR Master's degree in a program of study judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent that has a counseling emphasis in terms of subject matter and extent of training required for licensure, from an accredited institution approved by the Board, with a minimum of 51 credits in counseling that includes the required alcohol and drug coursework for LGADC.

ALL COURSE WORK MUST BE FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.
DO NOT LIST CONTINUING EDUCATION/WORKSHOP OR TRAINING HOURS.

Name	Street Address/ P.O. Box	City	State	Zip Code
Email	Home Phone Number	Cell	Business Phone	

<i>Required Courses 3 credits must be in each core area below</i>	<i>Please Write in Course number(s) & Course title(s) on this form. Courses must be on official transcript(s)</i>	<i>Credits Earned</i>	<i>College/University</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Required Counseling Courses for LGADC (Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselor)					
<i>Ex: Pharmacology</i>	<i>ADC 102: Intro To Pharmacology</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>BCCC</i>	<i>Sept – Dec 2014</i>	<i>A</i>
(a) Medical Aspects of Chemical Dependency (Pharmacology)					
(b) Individual Counseling Techniques					
(c) Group Counseling					
(d) Abnormal Psychology					
(e) Addictions Treatment Delivery					
(f) Ethics that includes alcohol and drug counseling issues (Must be 3 semester/5 quarter credits)					
Elective counseling courses : Choose three (3) of any of the following 3 semester credit (5 quarter credit) courses below:					
(g) Family Counseling					
(h) Topics in Substance related field and addictive disorder.					
(i) Theories of Counseling & Psychotherapy					

(j) Human Development					
(k) Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders					

Total Credits out of 27 required credits

Additional Counseling Courses

<i>Write in Course number(s) & Course title(s). Must be on transcript</i>	<i>Credits Earned</i>	<i>College/University</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Grade</i>

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Course Descriptions for Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licensure

LGADC

Each course must be at least 3 semester credit hours (5 quarter credit hours) with the exception of the 6 semester credit hour (10 quarter credit hour) requirement for the alcohol and drug internship, practicum, or field placement.

Continuing Education, Trainings, or Workshop certificates are NOT ACCEPTED.

- A. **Medical Aspects of Chemical Dependency:** (1) Brain structure and function as it relates to psychoactive drugs, and (2) Classes of psychoactive drugs, including their addiction potential, withdrawal syndromes, and associated medical problems. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Intro to Psychopharmacology (2) Pharmacological Aspects of Addiction.
- B. **Addictions Treatment Delivery covering:** (1) Screening (2) Intake (3) Orientation (4) Case Management (5) Crisis intervention (6) Education and prevention (7) Referral (8) Consultation (9) Reports and record keeping (10) Assessment and diagnosis based on standard criteria and (11) Treatment planning. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Substance Abuse Counseling (2) Addictions Counseling Theories and Approaches
- C. **Ethics (with a focus on Alcohol & Drug) covering:** (1) Self disclosure of recovering counselors (2) Ethics of being a two-hatter (3) Self-help fellowship participation (4) Avoiding dual relationships (5) Relapsing Counselor (6) Confidentiality Laws
- D. **Individual Counseling covering:** (1) The formation of therapeutic relationships, and (2) Therapeutic communication skills. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Counseling Methods (2) Techniques of Counseling
- E. **Group Therapy covering:** (1) Therapeutic factors in groups (2) Stages of development, (3) Types of therapy groups. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Group Counseling (2) Group Therapy and Practice..
- F. **Family counseling covering:** (1) Family systems theory and dynamics (2) Family processes in addiction and (3) Family recovery Models. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Marriage and Family Counseling (or Therapy) (2) Family Systems and Intervention
- G. **Abnormal Psychology covering:** (1) Major categories of mental disorders, and (2) Theoretical models of mental disorders. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Abnormal Psychology (2) Psychopathology
- H. **Topics in substance related and addictive disorder:** (1) Various theories of addictive disorders (2) Models of treatment and (3) Other topics related to alcohol and drug dependency. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency (2) Issues in Theories in Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence
- I. **Theories of counseling covering** major theoretical schools and theorists. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Theories of Counseling (or Psychotherapy) (2) Introduction to Psychotherapy Theories
- J. **Human Growth and Development covering:** (1) Developmental stages and (2) Expected milestones. **Examples of courses in this area:** (1) Human Growth & Development (2) Personality Development
- K. **Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders covering:** (1) Screening, assessment and treatment of people with co-occurring disorders (2) types of integrated treatment. **Examples of courses in this area** (1) Dual Diagnosis (2) Treatment of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders

