



California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators



Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor



SIMPLE STEPS TO BECOMING A Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor (CATC) (pronounced CAT-see)

1. Attend a CAADE accredited Addiction Studies Program (pronounced Kay-Dee) or equivalent
2. Register with CAADE /ACCBC during practicum/fieldwork placement. **You must register immediately upon beginning work in any state-licensed addiction treatment agency.**
3. Per state regulations, a minimum of 160 hours of fieldwork/practicum must be completed in a **state-licensed** addiction treatment facility; CAADE requires a total of 250 total fieldwork/practicum hours. **Supervisor must be a certified addiction counselor or a licensed MFT, LCSW, LPCC, Psychologist or MD.**
4. You have **five** years from the date of registration to become fully certified (you may apply for a two-year extension from CAADE)
5. Complete CAADE College Addiction Studies Program or equivalent and obtain a copy of the college's certificate of completion
6. Apply to take the CAADE / ACCBC exam upon graduation from CAADE College Addiction Studies Program or equivalent
7. Take and pass the CATC exam to become CATC-i (CATC intern)
8. Complete total of 2240 hours of supervised internship (to include all hours of internship and/or work experience dating back to the first date of college entrance)
9. Log all hours on CAADE Summary of Hours form (available at www.caade.org)
10. Once 2240 total hours are complete, apply for the initial CATC credential
11. GO TO WWW.CAADE.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS and FAQs