



California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators



Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor



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

1. Attend a CAADE accredited Addiction Studies Program (pronounced Kay-Dee)
2. Register with CAADE /ACCBC during practicum/fieldwork placement. **You must register within 6 months of 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 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
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](http://www.caade.org))
10. Once 2240 total hours are complete, apply for the CATC credential
11. GO TO [WWW.CAADE.ORG](http://WWW.CAADE.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS and FAQs