

A voluntary nationally recognized standard of competencies and effective clinical practice utilized in treating adolescent substance use disorders (SUDs).

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Eligibility Requirements

- Have current AOD credential or license recognized by state or national organizations.
- Have five years or 10,000 hours of validated, supervised experience working in mental health or the addictions profession.
- Have two and a half years or 5,000 hours of validated, supervised experience working with the adolescent population.
- Provide evidence (documentation) of at least 70 contact hours of training related to adolescent treatment within the last five years. Up to 20% of the 70 hours can be from a nationally or regionally recognized online or distance learning program. At least 80% must be face-to-face contact. If using college courses, one college credit counts as 10 contact hours.
- Read the [NAADAC Code of Ethics](#) and sign the statement on the Application affirming adherence to this code.
- Send all of the required information along with completed Application and required fee to the Professional Testing Corporation. All pages of the Application must be completed.

- Take and pass the written Adolescent Specialist Endorsement Examination.
- Receive final approval of the NAADAC Certification Commission.

Application Requirements

- Five years of validated supervised experience working in the addictions profession, half of which must be with an adolescent population
 - Evidence of 70 hours of training related to adolescent treatment
 - A current credential through an approved certifying board (such as a state commission, NAADAC, the American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders, IC&RC or other related licensing authority)
- Payment of **non-refundable** application/certification review fee

Certification Costs

- \$200 for Candidates with NCAC-I, NCAC-II, or MAC certification, and NAADAC Members, \$300 for non-members. (Includes Application/Examination/2-year Credential)
- [Full list of costs and fees](#)

Testing Schedule

Examinations are given nationwide (and abroad) multiple times per year. Application deadlines are sixty (60) days prior to the test date.

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Test Preparation Materials

- Watch the free webinar: [Strategies for Successful Test Taking](#)
- [Preview the Testing Software](#)
- Visit the [NAADAC Bookstore](#) for more resources