

## *Why seek NASAC Accreditation?*

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**1. Will there be a way in the future for Post-Secondary Career Schools to have their program accredited?**

A: We do indeed accredit these programs. The accreditation would fall under the Associate's degree accreditation listed in the NASAC manual.

[https://nasaccreditation.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/nasac\\_manual\\_02-17-2017.pdf](https://nasaccreditation.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/nasac_manual_02-17-2017.pdf)

**2. What is the fee for an undergraduate and graduate program to apply for accreditation?**

A: The initial application fee is \$1500. Your school will pay a \$300 annual fee for years 2-6. In year 7, your school must pay the renewal application fee of \$1500. All annual fees will be invoiced by NASAC on a yearly basis. All annual fees must be paid to remain in good standing. The fee schedule is the same for undergraduate and graduate programs.

**3. My school was not listed as an accredited program for Substance Abuse but the University as a whole is an accredited school. How would one know if a program is accredited? Ours is a newly formed program.**

A: The Substance Abuse program accreditation is a separate accreditation from the accreditation of the University. The University must first be regionally accredited, then the Substance Abuse program of which you speak would apply for NASAC accreditation for that specific program.

**4. Is there reciprocity with the NBCC MAC credential?**

A: State reciprocity for the MAC is discussed in more depth at this website: <http://www.nbcc.org/home/faq>  
The MAC is not a credential which is issued by NASAC, but NASAC accredited program courses can be utilized as part of the process to obtain the MAC.

**5. Is it possible to get accreditation for a certificate program (either undergraduate or graduate level) to allow individuals to add an addiction specialization to another degree (e.g., clinical mental health counseling, school counseling, psychology or human services undergraduate degree)?**

A: Yes, you would still move through the same application process as you would if it was a degree. The university must be accredited as a whole with regional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

**6. Have the various state governing authorities that certify education and training providers in their state expressed any particular concerns regarding the NASAC Accreditation process or particular standards? In other words are there any areas where the state authority standards conflict with the NASAC standards?**

A: To date no concerns have been raised. In several situations the state has looked to NASAC to provide the states guidelines. This was the intended purpose from the beginning with the creation of NASAC. NASAC would become the standardization in states and thus assist in reciprocity.

**7. Do the evaluators find it helpful when the standards are mapped to the curriculum in order to provide transparency to students and faculty?**

A: Yes this captures the best way for documentation. The standards can also be applied and entered into the syllabus.

**8. Do all faculty have to be certified/licensed in addictions? Can a psychologist whose clinical experience is 30-40% addiction-related over 25 years be considered approved to teach in a NASAC program?**

A: Faculty members don't necessarily need to be certified/licensed in addictions. They can be considered with documentation and being a member of NAADAC and or INCASE. The reason for the latter the member receives information and updates on the profession to keep them current and communicate such to students.

**9. Can people with history of personal addictions and felonies teach some of these courses?**

A: Each college/university determines their own hiring criteria. That said I am not aware of any college/university addiction studies program that restricts person from teaching based on a past felony. (As long as the person has paid their debt to society and is not currently on parole or probation).

**10. Would there be any reason why program could not or should not have accreditation both by NASAC and CACREP?**

A: Not that I am aware of. I know of universities that have both. If your college offers addiction degrees, certificates or specialization I believe it is important to hold NASAC accreditation.

**11. We have a state approved school for training peer support specialists and case managers. Would this accreditation allow for those programs to meet the requirements to accept title iv funding? Our training program has been approved to qualify for 40 college credit hours through Sullivan University. We are just getting started in the school side of things and have started the process to become an early career college.**

A: NASAC does not accredit peer support training programs.

**12. Is there a physical site visit or can it be done virtually for online institutions.**

A: Normally the evaluation is completed online.

**13. What can I do to become a part of the NASAC body?**

A: Seeking accreditation for your addiction/prevention program is how one becomes part of NASAC. Our family of accredited programs is growing yearly and can be found here:

<https://nasacaccreditation.org/accreditation/nasac-accredited-programs/>

If you are referring to the NASAC board of commissioners, three NASAC commissioners come from NAADAC leadership and three come from INCASE leadership. Commissioners representing NAADAC are current president, past president and treasurer. Commissioners representing INCASE are current President, past president and one member board member appointed by INCASE board.