

SAMHSA-NAADAC Workforce Forums – Addiction Professional Education & Career Ladder



Education	High School or G.E.D.	Certificate Program, Training Series, Some College	Associate’s Degree	Bachelor’s Degree	Master’s Degree	Doctorate
Career Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Recovery Support Specialist or similar title 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUD Counselor in Training Outreach Recovery House Detox Tech Intern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUD Counselor in Training Outreach Recovery House Detox Tech Intern Community Education Group, Ind and Assessment support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUD Counselor Clinical Supervisor Manager Administrator Trainer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUD Counselor Clinical Supervisor Manager Administrator Educator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUD Counselor Clinical Supervisor Manager Administrator Educator
Required State Credential or License	Dependent on state regulations	Dependent on state regulations	Most states require credential or certification – check state regulations	Most states require credential or certification – check state regulations	Most states require credential or certification – check state regulations	Most states require credential or certification – check state regulations
SAMHSA Career Ladder Level	Entry Level SUD Technician	Entry Level SUD Technician	Associate SUD Counselor	SUD Counselor	Clinical SUD Counselor OR Independent Clinical SUD Counselor/Supervisor	
NCC AP National Certification	Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS)	National Certified Addiction Counselor Level I (NCAC I)	National Certified Addiction Counselor Level I (NCAC I)	National Certified Addiction Counselor Level II (NCAC II)	Masters Addiction Counselor (MAC)	Masters Addiction Counselor (MAC)