

NAADAC and ATTUD Announce New National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice (NCTTP)

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Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. In addition, smoking tobacco causes more deaths among clients in substance use disorder treatment than the alcohol or drug use that brings them to treatment.

In an effort to give more attention to the importance of smoking cessation and access to evidence-based tobacco treatment, NAADAC is pleased to be partnering with the Association for Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence, Inc. (ATTUD) and the Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP) to launch a new National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice.

The National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice (NCTTP) was created to standardize and unify tobacco competencies, knowledge, and skills on a national level and provides national, unified recognition of professionals who obtain this prestigious certificate. The NCTTP represents a game changer for the tobacco treatment field and is the culmination of many years of effort. By obtaining the NCTTP, tobacco treatment professionals are demonstrating to employers, third-party payers, and clients their advanced education in evidence-based tobacco competencies, skills, and practice and ensures the tobacco dependent will receive the highest level of professional care.

To apply for the certificate, candidates must provide evidence of specific education and experience, including successful completion of a CTTTP-accredited Tobacco Treatment Specialist training program and hours of tobacco treatment practice experience following completion of the training. In addition, candidates must be tobacco-free for a minimum of six months and must agree to adhere to the Tobacco Treatment Provider Code of Ethics. See sidebar for specific eligibility and application requirements. A list of accredited Tobacco Treatment Specialist training programs may be found at <http://ctttp.org/accredited-programs/>.

The initial test-exempt offering of this Certificate will be available until April 15, 2018. Applications postmarked after April 15, 2018 will require successful completion of an examination to be awarded the certificate.

For more information or to apply for your NCTTP, please visit www.naadac.org/ncttp.



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¹Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Tobacco Use Cessation During Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling, March 2011, Volume 10, Issue 2.

Eligibility & Application Requirements

Candidate must:

1. Provide evidence of one of the following:
 - High School diploma plus 4,000 hours (2 years full-time) of human services work experience.
 - Associate's Degree plus 2,000 hours (1 year full-time) of human services work experience.
 - Bachelor's Degree or higher.
2. Provide a certificate of successful completion of a CTTTP-accredited Tobacco Treatment Specialist training program.
3. Acquire 240 hours of tobacco treatment practice experience following the completion of training within a two-year period.
4. Be tobacco-free (including use of electronic nicotine delivery devices such as vaping and e-cigarettes) for a minimum of the six months prior to submission of this application, and must attest to this in the application.
5. Sign a statement that he or she has read and adheres to the Tobacco Treatment Provider Code of Ethics.
6. Mail application and all supporting documents with the non-refundable application fee of \$150 to NAADAC.
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