

Certified Sexual Addiction Specialist Credential Descriptions & Requirements

Core Credential and Level of Certification

Please review the following descriptions and requirements to be credentialed as a Sexual Addiction Specialist so that you will be able to select the appropriate *specialty designation* and the *level of certification* on the CSAS Application, as well as which *option* best reflects your current education and training.

Basic Level – Designates a basic understanding and competence of the subject matter, but with more limited field experience in sexual addiction counseling.

Advanced Level – Designates a greater and deeper understanding of the subject matter as an experienced and trustworthy counselor; someone showing a high degree of comprehension and competence.

Supervisor Level – Designates not only clinical competence and expertise in the subject matter, but also someone who has specific graduate level education, training and/or documented experience as a clinical supervisor.

Trainer Level – The highest designation possible, indicating comprehensive knowledge as a subject matter expert; advanced clinical/ministry skills and experience in practice, including the capability and a history of effectively training others in this specialty.

I. CSAS – Clinical Sexual Addiction Specialist

A. Basic Level

1. Option #1

- Must already be certified as a Certified Sexual Addiction Specialist (CSAS) under the American Association of Certified Christian Sexual Addiction Specialists (AACCSAS) guidelines and grandfathered into the IBCC during the grandfathering period. ***Applicants must still complete the IBCC application and attestation documents for their file.***

2. Option #2

- Meet the IBCC requirements for either the Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor (BCPCC) or Board Certified Christian Counselor (BCCC); **AND**
- Complete ***one college-level course*** provided by a certified trainer (see the IBCC website for a current listing of appropriate courses and certified trainers); **OR**
- Complete ***forty-five*** (45) clock hours of approved education in the following core areas: sexual addiction and co-addiction counseling, general addiction treatment, family systems, theological issues pertaining to sexuality, and trauma treatment. At least ***twenty*** (20) clock hours of the educational requirements should be met utilizing the teaching and training of Christian instructors such as Dr. Mark Laaser. These hours can be met through documentation of continuing education, graduate courses, and other approved training opportunities. The AACC's training courses titled "Healthy Sexuality" and "Treating Sexual Addiction", partially meet this requirement; **AND**
- Document ***twenty-five*** (25) hours of ***clinical experience*** in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
- Document at least ***five*** (5) hours of supervision with an approved sexual addiction counselor. A minimum of ***two*** (2) hours must be face-to-face supervision.

B. Advanced Level:**1. Option #1**

- Must already be certified as a Certified Sexual Addiction Specialist (CSAS) under the American Association of Certified Christian Sexual Addiction Specialists (AACCSAS) guidelines and grandfathered into the IBCC during the grandfathering period. *Applicants must still complete the IBCC application and attestation documents for their file; **AND***
- Be able to document *seventy-five* (75) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
- Be able to document at least *twenty* (20) hours of supervision with an approved sexual addiction counselor. A minimum of *three* (3) hours must be face-to-face supervision.

2. Option #2

- Meet the IBCC requirements for either the Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor (BCPCC) or Board Certified Christian Counselor (BCCC); **AND**
- Complete *two college-level courses* provided by a certified trainer (see the IBCC website for a current listing of appropriate courses and certified trainers); **OR**
- Complete *ninety* (90) clock hours of approved education in the following core areas: sexual addiction and co-addiction counseling, general addiction treatment, family systems, theological issues pertaining to sexuality, and trauma treatment. At least *forty-five* (45) clock hours of the educational requirements should be met utilizing the teaching and training of Christian instructors such as Dr. Mark Laaser. These hours can be met through documentation of continuing education, graduate courses, and other approved training opportunities. The AACCSAS's training courses titled "Healthy Sexuality" and "Treating Sexual Addiction", partially meet this requirement; **AND**
- Document *seventy-five* (75) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
- Document at least *twenty* (20) hours of supervision with an approved sexual addiction counselor. A minimum of *three* (3) hours must be face-to-face supervision.

C. Supervisor Level:**1. Option #1**

- Must already be certified as a Certified Sexual Addiction Specialist (CSAS) under the American Association of Certified Christian Sexual Addiction Specialists (AACCSAS) guidelines and grandfathered into the IBCC. *Applicants must still complete the IBCC application and attestation documents for their file; **AND***
- Document *one hundred* (100) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
- Document at least *thirty* (30) hours of supervision with an approved sexual addiction counselor. A minimum of *four* (4) hours must be face-to-face supervision; **AND**
- Document training/education in supervision and at least *one hundred* (100) hours of providing face-to-face clinical supervision with trainees, interns, and/or counseling residents.

2. Option #2

- Meet the IBCC requirements for either the Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor (BCPCC) or Board Certified Christian Counselor (BCCC); **AND**

- Complete *two college-level courses* provided by a certified trainer (see the IBCC website for a current listing of appropriate courses and certified trainers); **OR**
- Complete *ninety* (90) clock hours of approved education in the following core areas: sexual addiction and co-addiction counseling, general addiction treatment, family systems, theological issues pertaining to sexuality, and trauma treatment. At least *forty-five* (45) clock hours of the educational requirements should be met utilizing the teaching and training of Christian instructors such as Dr. Mark Laaser. These hours can be met through documentation of continuing education, graduate courses, and other approved training opportunities. The AACC's training courses titled "Healthy Sexuality" and "Treating Sexual Addiction", partially meet this requirement; **AND**
- Document *one hundred* (100) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
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- Document training/education in supervision and at least *one hundred* (100) hours of providing face-to-face clinical supervision with trainees, interns, and/or counseling residents.

D. Trainer Level:

1. Option #1

- Must already be certified as a Certified Sexual Addiction Specialist (CSAS) under the American Association of Certified Christian Sexual Addiction Specialists (AACCSAS) guidelines and grandfathered into the IBCC. *Applicants must still complete the IBCC application and attestation documents for their file;* **AND**
- Document *one hundred twenty-five* (125) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
- Document at least *thirty* (30) hours of supervision with an approved sexual addiction counselor. A minimum of *five* (5) hours must be face-to-face supervision; **AND**
- Document training/education in supervision and at least *one hundred* (100) hours of providing face-to-face clinical supervision with trainees, interns, and/or counseling residents; **AND**
- Document providing at least *forty-five* (45) clock hours of face-to-face clinical training and/or education (the equivalent of teaching one 3-credit graduate level course) in sexual addiction with students, trainees, interns, and/or counseling residents.

2. Option #2

- Meet the IBCC requirements for either the Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor (BCPCC) or Board Certified Christian Counselor (BCCC); **AND**
- Complete *two college-level courses* provided by a certified trainer (see the IBCC website for a current listing of appropriate courses and certified trainers); **OR**
- Complete *ninety* (90) clock hours of approved education in the following core areas: sexual addiction and co-addiction counseling, general addiction treatment, family systems, theological issues pertaining to sexuality, and trauma treatment. At least *forty-five* (45) clock hours of the educational requirements should be met utilizing the teaching and training of Christian instructors such as Dr. Mark Laaser. These hours can be met through documentation of continuing education, graduate courses, and other approved training opportunities. The AACC's training courses titled "Healthy Sexuality" and "Treating Sexual Addiction", partially meet this requirement; **AND**

- Document *one hundred twenty-five* (125) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
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II. PSAS – Pastoral Sexual Addiction Specialist

A. Basic Level

1. Option #1

- Must already be certified as a Pastoral Sexual Addiction Specialist (PSAS) under the American Association of Certified Christian Sexual Addiction Specialists (AACCSAS) guidelines and grandfathered into the IBCC during the grandfathering period. *Applicants must still complete the IBCC application and attestation documents for their file.*

2. Option #2

- Meet the IBCC requirements for the Board Certified Pastoral Counselor (BCPC); **AND**
- Complete *one college-level course* provided by a certified trainer (see the IBCC website for a current listing of appropriate courses and certified trainers); **OR**
- Complete *forty-five* (45) clock hours of approved education in the following core areas: sexual addiction and co-addiction counseling, general addiction treatment, family systems, theological issues pertaining to sexuality, and trauma treatment. At least *twenty* (20) clock hours of the educational requirements should be met utilizing the teaching and training of Christian instructors such as Dr. Mark Laaser. These hours can be met through documentation of continuing education, graduate courses, and other approved training opportunities. The AACCSAS's training courses titled "Healthy Sexuality" and "Treating Sexual Addiction", partially meet this requirement; **AND**
- Document *twenty-five* (25) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**
- Document at least *five* (5) hours of supervision with an approved sexual addiction counselor. A minimum of *two* (2) hours must be face-to-face supervision.

B. Advanced Level:

1. Option #1

- Must already be certified as a Pastoral Sexual Addiction Specialist (PSAS) under the American Association of Certified Christian Sexual Addiction Specialists (AACCSAS) guidelines and grandfathered into the IBCC during the grandfathering period. *Applicants must still complete the IBCC application and attestation documents for their file;* **AND**
- Be able to document *seventy-five* (75) hours of *clinical experience* in the field of sexual addiction and/or co-addiction counseling. This can be done in individual, marital, family, or group counseling or ministry in the church in which the main focus is treating sexual addiction and/or co-addiction; **AND**

- Be able to document at least *twenty* (20) hours of supervision with an approved sexual addiction counselor. A minimum of *three* (3) hours must be face-to-face supervision.

2. Option #2

- Meet the IBCC requirements for the Board Certified Pastoral Counselor (BCPC); **AND**
- Complete *two college-level courses* provided by a certified trainer (see the IBCC website for a current listing of appropriate courses and certified trainers); **OR**
- Complete *ninety* (90) clock hours of approved education in the following core areas: sexual addiction and co-addiction counseling, general addiction treatment, family systems, theological issues pertaining to sexuality, and trauma treatment. At least *forty-five* (45) clock hours of the educational requirements should be met utilizing the teaching and training of Christian instructors such as Dr. Mark Laaser. These hours can be met through documentation of continuing education, graduate courses, and other approved training opportunities. The AACC's training courses titled "Healthy Sexuality" and "Treating Sexual Addiction", partially meet this requirement; **AND**
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C. Supervisor Level:

1. Option #1

- Must already be certified as a Pastoral Sexual Addiction Specialist (PSAS) under the American Association of Certified Christian Sexual Addiction Specialists (AACCSAS) guidelines and grandfathered into the IBCC. *Applicants must still complete the IBCC application and attestation documents for their file*; **AND**
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D. Trainer Level:

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