



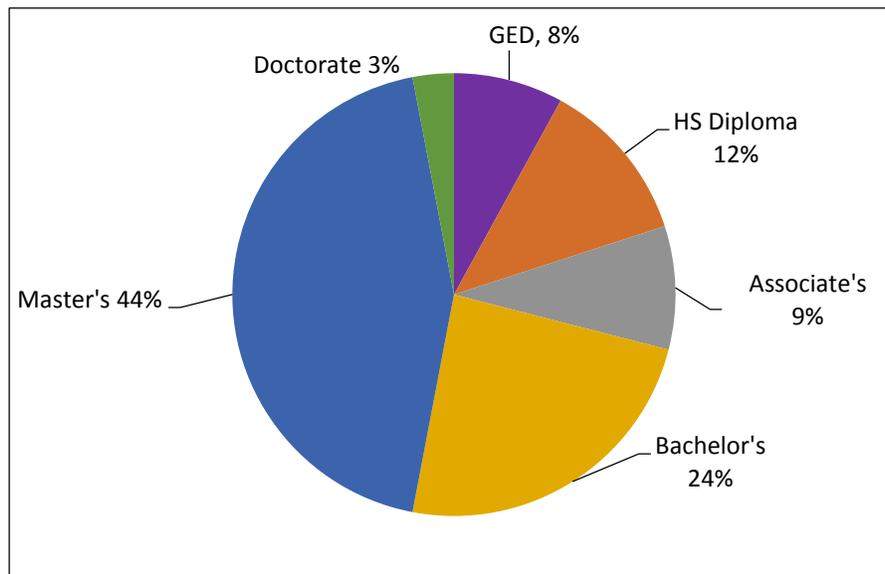
Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

CASAC: Specialized Addiction, Knowledge, Work Experience and Supervision

The Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) is the ONLY New York State credential to require the specialized addiction training needed to fully understand and treat the complexities of addiction.

- ✓ There are approximately 6,694 CASACs in NYS.
- ✓ 80% of CASACs have an academic degree and 44% have a Master's Degree.
- ✓ 25% of CASACs also hold a Medical, Nursing, Social Work or Mental Health Counselor License from the New York State Education Department.
- ✓ CASACs are protected by NYS law and OASAS regulation to perform clinical services as part of a multi-disciplinary team in OASAS certified treatment settings.
- ✓ CASACs and CASAC-Trainees are permanently exempt from the Social Work and Mental Health practitioners restricted scopes of practice.

Current CASAC Education Data:



Overall 80% have a degree, 71% have a Bachelor's degree or higher, 9% have an Associate's Degree, and 20% have a HS Diploma or GED.

CASAC Minimum Requirements:

- Earned a HS Diploma or GED.
- Completion of 350 Hours of Addiction Specific Standardized Curriculum or completion of academic coursework that is equivalent to the education requirement.
- 6000 hours of work experience (Part C Form) or degree substitution for work experience and balance of work experience hours.
- Three completed Evaluations of Competency and Ethical Conduct Forms (Part B Form).
- Successful completion of the IC&RC AOD examination, which is based on a legally defensible job task analysis which defines the competencies of an addiction counselor.

International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC):

IC&RC represents 76 Member Boards who credential addiction counselors in 24 countries, 47 U.S. states and territories, five Native American territories, and all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. New York State is one of the largest boards in the IC&RC.

The IC&RC develops and oversees an international examination based on a legally defensible job task analysis which defines the competencies of an addiction counselor. NYS CASACs must pass this examination to become credentialed.

Reciprocity

The CASAC Credential is reciprocal with other IC&RC member boards that offer that same credential.

43 out of 50 states, all branches of the armed forces and 14 countries offer reciprocity with the CASAC.