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New Performance Domains for Certified Addiction Counselor credentialing

Effective September 2010, the CCB will no longer be referring directly to the 12 Core Functions. Instead, the 8 Performance Domains of addiction professionals identified in the IC&RC JTA and Candidate Guide (see the IC&RC website for more information at www.icrcaoda.org) for addiction professionals (ADC – Alcohol and Drug Counselor) will be used to identify the competency domains of addiction professional. The 8 domains will be integrated into the CCB CAC – Certified Addiction Counselor application process and will be used to track counselor supervised practicum training. The 8 Performance Domains are based upon a national consensus document titled **TAP 21 - Addiction Counseling Competencies: The Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes of Professional Practice** (SAMHSA, 2006) and are being used by multiple addiction credentialing bodies including the IC&RC.

As the table illustrates below, the 12 Core Functions are compatible with and can be found within the 8 Performance Domains. The table below should not be interpreted to indicate that this is the only combination of domains between the 12 Core Functions and 8 Performance Domains as some can be applied to multiple domains.

12 Core Functions	8 Performance Domains <i>IC&RC ADC Domains & CCB CAC Domains</i>
1. Screening	1. Clinical Evaluation
2. Intake	1. Clinical Evaluation
3. Orientation	1. Clinical Evaluation
4. Assessment	1. Clinical Evaluation
5. Treatment Planning	2. Treatment Planning
6. Counseling	5. Counseling
7. Case Management	4. Service Coordination
8. Crisis Intervention	5. Counseling
9. Client Education	6. Client, Family & Community Ed
10. Referral	3. Referral
11. Reports & Record Keeping	7. Documentation
12. Consultation	4. Service Coordination
	8. Professional & Ethical Responsibilities

Reference

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. **Addiction Counseling Competencies: The Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes of Professional Practice**. Technical Assistance Publication (TAP) Series 21. DHHS Publication No. (SMA) 06-4171. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2006.

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