

Certified Addiction Counselor, Level I (CAC I)



Job Description: This professional helps individuals struggling with substance use disorders (SUDs) through counseling, education, and support, working to develop treatment plans and promote recovery.

Average Salary (South Carolina): \$55,920

Average Salary (National): \$58,500

Educational/Experiential/Training Requirements

1. **Associate's Degree** (*Human Services or related field*) or **Bachelor's Degree** (*Any major*)
2. **≥ 270 hours of coursework related to core counseling functions set forth by the Addiction Professionals of South Carolina (APSC)**
3. **≥ 4,000 hours of supervised field experience**
4. **≥ 150 hours of clinical supervision**

Eligible for [SC Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program](#) under certain criteria

Licensure/Certification Requirement(s)

- **National Certification** (*Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC I)*) through either of the following:
 - a. **Certified Addiction Counselor Level I exam**, *National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCCAP)*
 - b. **Alcohol & Drug Counselor (ADC) exam**, *International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC & RC)*

Continuing Education Renewal Requirement(s)

- **40 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) every 2 years**

