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TEST-EXEMPT GRANDFATHERING PERIOD NOW OPEN THROUGH **OCTOBER 8, 2021!**

**** Last Opportunity to Grandfather for the CDVC Certification. Online Course and Oral Exam Required after this Grandfathering.***

Test-exempt Grandfathering now open for the following certification specialties:

Forensic Counselor

Addictions

Criminal Justice

Deadline October 8, 2021

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The First Certification Board to Develop Standards and Establish the Specialty Professions of
Forensic Counselor, Criminal Justice Specialist, and Human Trafficking Victim Services Provider



A Few Facts About the National Association of Forensic Counselors (NAFC)

Visit

WWW.FORENSICCOUNSELOR.ORG

For more information about the NAFC

or

contact us to receive an Informational Folder at

260-426-7234 or NAFC@ForensicCounselor.org

ESTABLISHED IN 1995



The NAFC was Founded to Identify a competent workforce to counsel, treat, evaluate, supervise and manage, and represent criminal offenders in the areas of criminal justice, mental health, corrections, and law.



The NAFC is the Originator of the Forensic Counselor profession, and established the titles of and definitions for "FORENSIC COUNSELOR" and "CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPECIALIST"



The NAFC established the Very First valid certification programs for the Forensic Counselor and Criminal Justice Specialist professions.



The NAFC is the First and Largest national multi-disciplinary credentialing board serving the Forensic Counselor and Criminal Justice Specialist.

Dedicated to promoting competency, training, and improved communication between the clinician and the criminal justice system.

Why is formal professional recognition important?

Formal professional recognition validates, based on predetermined standards, an individual's practice experience in a defined area. The NAFC formal professional recognition programs are designed to recognize a law practitioner's experience that promotes effective delivery of services.

Formal professional recognition can create distinction from other law professionals and offers the opportunity to gain recognition from other professionals, court systems, and the public for your achievement as a knowledgeable, competent professional in the field of law.

Formal professional recognition may mean a broader range of job opportunities, marketability of your skills, and networking with other professionals to gain referrals.

NAFC OFFERS CERTIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONS:

- Criminal Justice
- Mental Health
- Addictions
- Corrections
- Law

INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Private Practice
- Probation/Parole/Court Systems
- Victim's Services
- Psychiatric Hospitals
- Law
- Government
- Mental Health and Addictions Programs
- Social Services
- Outreach Programs
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Crisis Intervention Programs
- Community Programs
- Sex Offender and General Offender Programs
- Adult/Juvenile Correctional Facilities
- Public Welfare Agencies
- Military and Veteran's Administration
- Universities/Educational Programs
- Managed Care Facilities



A FEW BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Certificate suitable for framing and wallet card
- Subscription to the official publication of the NAFC, "The Forensic Professional"
- Three (3) free CEHs per year through the NAFC Online CE Program
- Reduced fees for NAFC Annual Conferences and training events
- Access to apply for low cost HPSO malpractice insurance
- Professional identification to your peers, court systems, probation/parole departments, the public, and other referral sources
- May increase referrals

Apply for Certification through Test-exempt Grandfathering for a Limited Time Period.
If you apply during the Grandfathering period, you will not be required to sit for the certification examination.

Certified Human Trafficking Victim Services Provider (CHTVSP)

For professionals providing psychological services, mental health and/or addictions counseling, crisis intervention, trauma services or other area of service to victims of human trafficking. Requirements for the CHTVSP:

- A combined total of 270 hours formal training in victim services, evaluation/assessment, trauma counseling, crisis intervention, addictions, PTSD, and ethics
- Minimum of 3 years (or 6000 hrs) of supervised experience working with human trafficking victims
- See additional clinical level requirements below

Certified Forensic Counselor (CFC)*

For professionals working with adult and/or juvenile criminal offenders.

Certified Criminal Justice Specialist (CCJS)*

For professionals working in criminal justice, law enforcement, corrections, and law, as well as for professionals working with adult and/or juvenile criminal offenders.

Certified Sex Offender Treatment Specialist (CSOTS)*

For professionals working with adult and/or juvenile sex offenders.

** Last Opportunity to Grandfather for this Certification (CDVC). Online Course and Oral Exam Required after this Grandfathering.*

Certified Domestic Violence Counselor

Clinical and non-clinical levels. For professionals working with adult and/or juvenile criminal offenders in the domestic violence field.

Doctoral Addictions Counselor (DAC)

Clinical level certification. For mental/behavioral health and/or addictions professionals who hold a Doctoral level degree and work with adult and/or juvenile criminal offenders in addictions. Full requirements listed below under Clinical level.

Master Addictions Counselor (MAC)

Clinical level certification. For mental/behavioral health and/or addictions professionals who work in addictions. Full requirements listed below under Clinical level.

Master Social Work Addictions Counselor (MSWAC)

Clinical level certification. For mental/behavioral health and/or addictions professionals who hold an MSW or DSW degree and work with adult and/or juvenile criminal offenders in addictions. Full requirements listed below under Clinical level.

Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist (CCBT)

For professionals working with adult and/or juvenile offenders, trained in and practicing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). Must show verifiable documentation of forty (40) hours of CBT training.

Certification Requirements for the NON-CLINICAL levels of Forensic Counselor and Addictions Specialities:

- Hold a minimum of a Bachelors degree;
- State licensed, active and in good standing, in your profession, i.e., psychology, social work, marriage & family therapy, mental health counselor, professional counselor, addictions, etc., UNLESS exemption applies, i.e., through legislation/regulations, you are a state or federal employee, no licensure exists in your state of practice, etc.;
- No ethical violations, reprimands, or other sanctions against your state license and/or certification;
- Must not have previously held an NAFC certification that has been suspended or revoked;
- 180 hours of formal training applicable to the certification for which you are applying;
- Minimum of 2 years (or 4000 hrs) of supervised experience applicable to the certification for which you are applying;
- No misdemeanor or felony arrests for violent or sexual offenses, or any other felony;
- Must complete the certification application in its entirety, to include all requested information.

Certification Requirements for the CLINICAL levels of Forensic Counselor and Addictions Specialities:

- Hold a Masters degree or higher;
- State licensed, active and in good standing, in your profession, i.e., psychology, social work, marriage & family therapy, mental health counselor, professional counselor, addictions, etc., UNLESS exemption applies, i.e., through legislation/regulations, you are a state or federal employee, no licensure exists in your state of practice, etc.;
- No ethical violations, reprimands, or other sanctions against your state license and/or certification;
- Must not have previously held an NAFC certification that has been suspended or revoked;
- 270 hours of formal training applicable to the certification for which you are applying;
- Minimum of 3 years (or 6000 hrs) of supervised experience applicable to the certification for which you are applying;
- No misdemeanor or felony arrests for violent or sexual offenses, or any other felony;
- Must complete the certification application in its entirety, to include all requested information.

** applicants that do not fully meet all requirements may apply for the "In-Service" designation until such time when verifiable proof of meeting all requirements is submitted to the NAFC.*





NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC COUNSELORS
Certification Test-exempt Grandfathering Application

Special commendation exempts the applicant from taking the certification examination. Applicants are not exempt from meeting all other requirements for NAFC certification. **YOU MAY MAIL, FAX, OR E-MAIL YOUR APPLICATION:**

NAFC - PO Box 8827, Fort Wayne, IN 46898 P: 260-426-7234 F: 260-426-7431 E-mail: NAFC@ForensicCounselor.org

I am applying for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical level	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-clinical level	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Service Status
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<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Human Trafficking Victims Services Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Addictions Counselor
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Forensic Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Addictions Counselor
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Criminal Justice Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Social Work Addictions Counselor
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Sex Offender Treatment Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Domestic Violence Counselor <i>(last opp to Grandfather)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist <i>(must show verifiable documentation of 40 additional hours of CBT training.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Sexual Addictions Specialist (CSAS)

Fee per certification: \$260.00. Includes: application and processing fees, and first year certification fee. If your application is denied, all monies paid, less the \$55.00 application fee will be refunded. (Annual renewal fee: \$125.00). You may mail, FAX, or e-mail your application.

<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	
<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP</i>
<i>Primary Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone (required)</i>	<i>E-mail (required)</i>	

I attest that I meet the formal training hours requirement, and all other requirements, applicable to the NAFC certification for which I am applying as set forth by the NAFC, and will provide verifiable documentation of formal training hours upon request.

I attest that my state of practice does not require that I hold professional licensure to practice, or no licensure exists for my profession.

I am state licensed in my profession:

State: _____ Profession: _____ License #: _____ Exp.: _____

No Yes - I am currently an NAFC Member. If yes: NAFC Cert No.: _____

No Yes - Have you ever had any professional state license or certification suspended, revoked, or otherwise sanctioned?

ATTACH A COPY OF ALL THE FOLLOWING TO THIS APPLICATION:

NAFC may require additional verifiable documentation in order to ensure the meeting of all requirements upon review of your application.

- Highest degree earned or transcripts;
- Professional state license(s);
- Names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three (3) references (one must be your current supervisor, or clinical level colleague if in private practice); We will e-mail a reference form to your references, You may also download the reference form from our website.
- CV or Resume;
- Application and First Year Certification Fee *(must accompany application)*: \$260.00 per certification

If paying by Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover Only - No AMEX):

<i>Credit Card Number</i>	<i>Exp. Date.</i>	<i>CVV Code</i>	<i>Amount to Charge</i>	<i>Signature</i>
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I attest that I am the applicant named in this application, that I have read and completed the contents thereof, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, all answers and statements are true and correct. I hereby authorize all persons listed as references in this application to release any information pertinent to my application. I further agree to hold the National Association of Forensic Counselors (NAFC) and its Certification Commission, board members, officers, agents, staff and examiners free from any civil liability for damages or complaints by reason of any action that is within the scope and arising out of the performance of their duties which they may take in connection with this application and/or the failure of the NAFC to issue me said certification and/or certificate. I attest that I have read and fully understand Candidate Handbook, NAFC Ethical Standards and Code of Conduct, the complete Application Attestation, Term of NAFC Logo Use, Policy and Procedure Manual, Renewal and Reinstatement information, and all other Terms of Membership found on the NAFC website at www.ForensicCounselor.org and agree to abide by all.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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