
SECTION 5. Continuing Education (CE) requirements for RAS Renewal Certification

A credentialed Registered Addiction Specialist (RAS) must complete 40 hours of Continuing Education every two years. The number of hours required in each subject:

<i>At least</i>	<i>Subject</i>
6 hours	Understanding Addiction
6 hours	Treatment Knowledge (including 3 hours in Communicable Diseases)
6 hours	Application to Practice (including 3 hours in Special Populations)
6 hours	Professional Readiness
3 hours	Ethics
3 hours	Prevention of Sexual Harassment
10 hours	Any other subject related to professional practice in addictions or counseling, which may include the subjects mentioned above
40 hours	Total

The CE subjects and what they may include are explained below:

- **Understanding Addiction** – includes understanding theories of addiction, recognizing social and cultural factors within which addiction exists, behavioral and physical effects of psychoactive substances, and recognition of potential for substance abuse disorders to co-exist with other medical and psychological disorders.
- **Treatment Knowledge** – includes philosophies and practices of generally accepted models of treatment, recovery, relapse prevention and continuing care for addiction, the importance of family and community systems in the treatment and recovery process, recognizing the importance of ongoing study in clinical practice, and understanding of multidisciplinary, non-traditional or various approaches to addiction treatment.
- **Communicable Diseases** – includes tuberculosis, HIV disease and Hepatitis C.
- **Application to Practice** – includes understanding diagnostic criteria for addiction treatment and placement, providing the appropriate treatment in consideration of a client's personal and cultural background situation, and familiarity with the acceptable range of medical and pharmacological resources available for treatment.
- **Special Populations** – includes aging individuals; individuals with co-occurring disorders (e.g., alcoholism and mental illness); individuals with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) individuals with disabilities; diverse populations; individuals with cultural differences; individuals on probation/parole, etc.
- **Professional Readiness** – includes personal and professional growth, understanding supervision in the delivery of client services, professional obligation to adhere to ethical standards, understanding of and participation in prevention as well as treatment programs, and understanding of procedures for handling crisis or dangerous situations.

SECTION 6. The Continuing Education Provider shall provide the following information with this application:

- Type of Agency (check all that apply):
 - ▷ Association
 - ▷ Government Agency
 - ▷ Individual
 - ▷ Private Educational Institution
 - ▷ Treatment Facility
 - ▷ Other _____
 - ▷ Corporation
 - ▷ Health Facility
 - ▷ Partnership
 - ▷ Private Practitioner
 - ▷ University / College
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SECTION 7. Description and List of courses offered.

Include a **brief description** of the topic that will be presented for **every course**. We do not need all of the course material. We need enough information about what will be covered so that we can confirm placement in the appropriate CE category.

This information may already be contained in your marketing material (for example, brochures, school catalog, web site), and you may satisfy this requirement by including that material with this application. Important note: If you are including already-prepared web site or catalog information, you must include copies of that material – do not simply refer us to the web site.

