



The Certification Chronicle

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From the IBC Executive Director

IBC's Training Committee has been hard at work preparing for the 2nd Annual C.A.R.E. Conference coming up this September.

**Save the date for this year's C.A.R.E. Conference:
September 14-15, 2017 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny**

This year's conference will feature a pre-conference on Sep. 14 that will give participants 3 hours in Ethics, with 4 ethics tracks being offered: Treatment, Prevention, Supervisor and Peer. We have a fabulous keynote coming from Chicago to start our day off on September 15, followed by 2 afternoon break-outs: one on diversity and one on self-care (that day will be worth 6 hours). Be watching the IBC website and your email for registration information - the registration form will be available by March 1.

Did you notice IBC's new website? It has an entirely new look and we believe it's much more user-friendly. It's also much more readable on other devices.

Keep watching the IBC website and your email for IBC newsletters and other announcements. Also "Like" us on Facebook! As always, feel free to email or call us with any questions.

IBC Website Redesign

Did you notice that our website was redesigned this past month? We love the fresh new look and think you'll appreciate its many new features! You'll also note that it is much more easily readable on your phone or other device. IBC approved trainings can be

viewed in either list format or within a calendar page.

Here are some tips:

- We recommend you find the files you need and update your bookmarks.
- Forms relevant to certification and recertification can be found on the "Certification" page
- Other downloadable forms can be accessed on the "Resources" page
- The search feature located at the right hand side of the page header is helpful for finding information or specific files
- Those of you using Windows 10 may be using the new Edge web browser. This browser can view PDF files but doesn't support fillable forms. You need to use a PDF reader like Adobe Acrobat to use the fillable forms on our website. To download a PDF file to your computer and open it with your PDF viewer:
 - Right click on the link to the PDF file, select "Save Target as"
 - Select a location to save the file where you can find it again
 - Open the file with your PDF reader
 - Fill out the form and save. It may now be printed and mailed/emailed to IBC

New: Inactive Request Form

Rather than needing to send us a letter requesting Inactive status, a new "Inactive Request" form is now available for each credential and is included on our website. This form will make requesting Inactive status more convenient and streamlined.

Training Resources a division of Iowa Behavioral Health Association asks you to Save the Following Date's

April 18, 2017 at Veterans Memorial-CCCUCC, Des Moines
The Brain on Drugs with Rich Newkirk - 3 hr from 1:00-4:15 pm
Ethics with Jeanie McCarville Kerber - 3 hr from 5:30-8:45 pm

April 19-20, 2017 at Veterans Memorial-CCCUCC, Des Moines
40th Annual Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse - 11.75 hr
Keynotes Speakers: Frances Harding, David Mee-Lee, Mark Lundholm,
Roberto Swazo, Linda Kalin, and Michael Burke

Registrations to open mid-February

Please visit our website for future trainings at: www.trainingresources.org

Job Postings on IBC Website

With our new website revisions, we now have the ability to include job postings on our website for a nominal fee, and can send out your job information to our email contacts. If your agency would like to post a job opening with us, download the Job Postings Application from our website and send it to us. Questions? Call Deb Gilbert at 515-965-5509.

Important Reminder about Recertifying

Don't forget that recertification applications are available on our website in a

fillable format - simply complete it, save it to your computer and then send as an attachment in an email to the IBC office. Payment then needs to be made via check, cash or with Dwolla.

Be sure to review your certificates of completion carefully when completing your recertification application. Certificates will indicate "IBC Approved" if the training has been approved by us. Non-approved trainings and online trainings need to be indicated on the bottom half of the second page of the recertification application, and approved trainings on the top half. The IBC office checks every "approved" training indicated on the application by date and title of training....if you indicate an incorrect date or training title, or if you indicate a training was approved when it was not, we will contact you to let you know you owe the \$15.00 CEU Approval fee for that training.

If you would like to attend a training that is not IBC approved, we encourage you to contact the training sponsor to request that they complete the "Application for CEU Approval" which can be found on the IBC website. Approved trainings can be found on the IBC website under the "Continuing Ed" tab.

While we encourage you to always hang to your original copies of certificates of completion, ***you do not need to send copies to us unless we notify you (via email) that your recertification was chosen for an audit.***



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Late Fee Lowered

Effective this past July 1, 2016, IBC lowered the cost of the late fee from \$100.00 to \$50.00 for recertifications/Inactive requests which are not postmarked on or before the certification expiration date.

The 45-day probationary period will stay the same.

New (FREE!) Prevention Study Guides

Rhode Island and Tennessee have both completed a new Prevention study guide to assist Prevention Specialists with preparing for their exam...**FREE!** You can find these guides on the IBC website as well as on IC&RC's website.

Prevention Specialist & Peer Recovery Specialist Practice Exam

IC&RC now has a practice exam available for Prevention Specialists and Recovery Peer Specialists who would like to use it in preparation for their exam. You can get more information on practice exams by going to IC&RC's website at:

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During the past several months, the following have had a substantiated ethics violation with sanctions placed upon his/her credential by an IBC hearing panel:

Shelby Bennett (IADC) - Permanent Revocation

Philip Krichau (IADC) - Sanctions (sanctions met 12/13/16)

Donna Lawrence (CADC) - Suspended until October 2020

Tina Manyette (MHPSS) - Permanent Revocation

IC&RC Practice Exams

Practice exams are available for those preparing to become certified as a CADC/ IADC, CPS, PRS or CCS. Practice exams were developed in conjunction with IC&RC's testing company to mimic the exact look and feel of IC&RC's Computer Based Testing (CBT) platform. Each practice exam has 50 questions which candidates have 60 minutes to complete. After completing the practice exam, candidates will receive a score report identifying their areas of strength and weakness. The cost of the exam is \$49.00 and is paid directly to IC&RC online.

For more information, go to www.internationalcredentialing.org; click on "Are You a Professional," then click the "Exam" tab and "Prep."

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Who and What Is IC&RC?

The Iowa Board of Certification is a proud member of IC&RC (the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium). You may know about IBC's membership with IC&RC, but do you know what this means for Iowa's certified professionals? Through our annual dues to IC&RC, IBC is able to provide testing and reciprocity with other members of IC&RC; our membership also allows us to collaborate with other states/countries/jurisdictions on best practices.

IBC's Executive Director, Debbie Gilbert, was elected four years ago to serve as Administrator's Representative for IC&RC, which also allows her to serve on IC&RC's Executive Committee. The Administrator's Rep serves as a liaison between other state's/country's executive directors and IC&RC's Executive Committee. Prior to this position, Debbie held the position of Marketing Chairperson for 7 years which also allowed her to serve on IC&RC's Executive Committee. In this way, she has had a unique role in advocating for Iowa's certified professionals. As Administrator's Rep, Debbie chairs monthly conference call meetings with other board administrators, and attends two IC&RC meetings each year, many times along with IBC's Board President.

IC&RC is the global leader in the credentialing of prevention, addiction treatment and recovery professionals. Organized in 1981, IC&RC provides standards and examinations to certification and licensing boards in 25 countries, 47 states and territories, 5 Native American regions and all branches of the U.S. military.

Quality and integrity are the foundation of IC&RC's work. IC&RC's credentials use the latest research on evidence-based practices, and they are updated every 5 years and subjected to an extensive process of peer review. IC&RC examinations are based on formal Job Analyses, written by subject matter experts, and supported by current references. Member boards are audited regularly to ensure compliance with international standards.

With more than 45,000 professionals in prevention, alcohol and drug counseling, clinical supervision, criminal justice addictions, and co-occurring disorders, IC&RC represents up to half of all substance abuse professionals in the U.S.

You can learn more about IC&RC at their website at www.internationalcredentialing.org.

Certification & Ethics Information for your Agency

IBC's Executive Director, Debbie Gilbert, is available to speak to employees at your agency regarding any of IBC's credentials and to assist them in the certification process. It's even possible for contact hour credit to be awarded to attendees, which in turn can be used for certification/recertification applications.

If you would like to have Debbie come to your agency, please call her at the IBC office at 515-965-5509 or email her at info@iowabc.org.

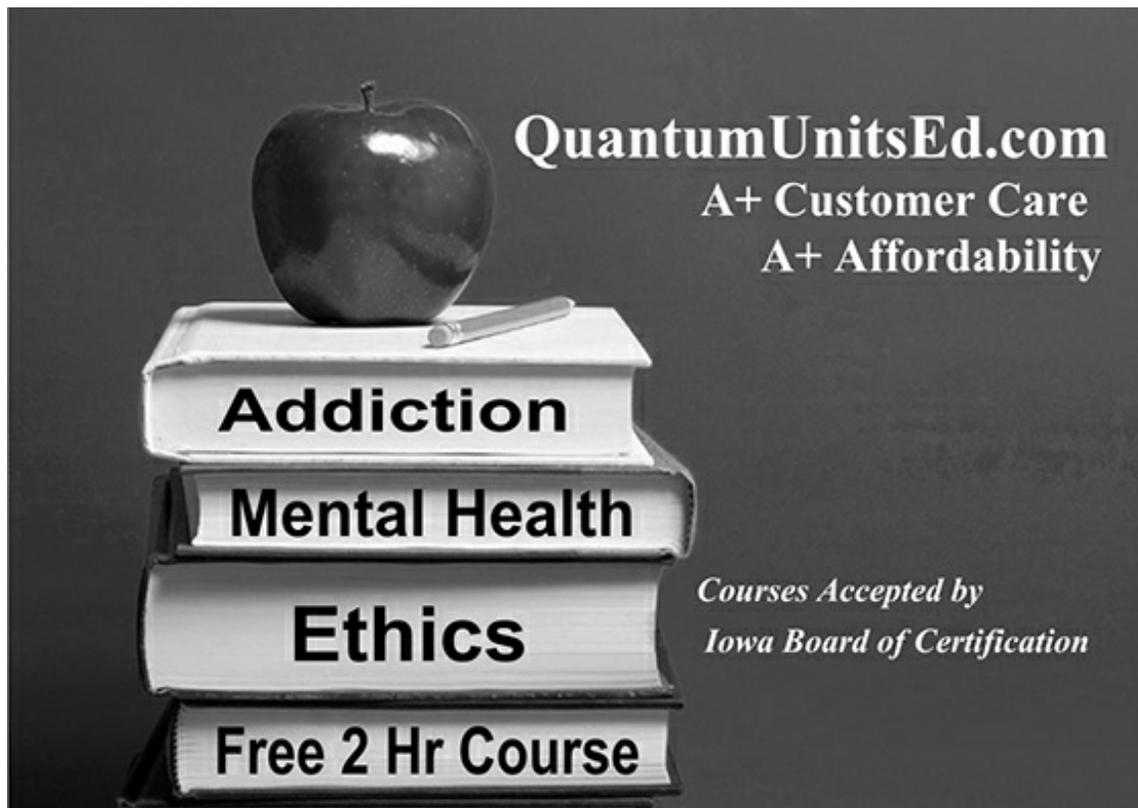
Need Education Hours?

Did you know that IBC has a tab on the web site entitled "**Education**" where you can go to find both IBC approved trainings and online/distance learning organizations to help you obtain hours for certification or recertification? Other online education providers can also be found in our newsletters.

Remember that new applicants may have up to 50% of their education hours in distance/online education to qualify for certification.

IBC appreciates our advertisers - both in the Online Ed site and in our newsletters - and we encourage you to utilize their services when it comes to finding quality online education.

Remember that **ALL** online trainings used for recertification must be accompanied by the \$15.00 CEU Approval fee.



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