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From the IBC Executive Director

Lots of new things are going on here at the IBC office, along with changes being made that may affect your certification or recertification - you'll find several new articles below, namely:

- We're sponsoring **2 new trainings in June and July**, and are planning a one-day conference this Fall. Be watching the IBC website for information!
- We're lowering the late fee from \$100.00 to \$50.00 effective 7/1/16.
- We started a **temporary CADC (tCADC)** credential in November - this is great news for CADC applicants who have enough education hours but not enough experience or supervision hours. To date there are 20 tCADC's and about 20 more in process of certification.
- We started our **Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS)** credential in December; 31 MHPSS's grandfathered into this credential by 3/30/16. The PRS application is available on the IBC website.
- Be sure to carefully review your recertification

application and check certificates of completion to determine if they are IBC approved.

You can read more about all of this in the articles below. As always, Lynn and Deb are here to assist with any questions you may have.

IBC Sponsored Trainings

IBC has two upcoming trainings:

Hispanic Culture in Iowa

Presenter: Himar Hernandez

Date/Time: June 3, 2016 - 12:30-3:45 pm

Location: IBC office, 225 NW School St., Ankeny, IA

Credit: 3.0 hours in Racial/Ethnic

Cost: \$40.00

The Effect of Substances on Sexuality

Presenter: Sharaine Conner, MSW, CADC

Date/Time: July 29, 2016 - 1:00-3:15 pm

Location: IBC office, 225 NW School St., Ankeny, IA

Credit: 2.0 hours in Alcohol & Drug Specific or Special Populations

Cost: \$30.00

More information about these trainings and presenters and registration forms can be found on the home page of the IBC website at www.iowabc.org. Registration is limited and is taken on a first come-first served basis.

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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Temporary CADC (tCADC) Credential

In response to concerns IBC has been hearing from the field concerning the difficulty of finding fully certified professionals, we developed the Temporary CADC (tCADC) credential for Iowa professionals who have enough education hours to meet CADC or IADC requirements, but have not yet had enough experience or supervision hours.

Counselors interested in applying for the tCADC can find the application on IBC's website at www.iowabc.org under "Downloads." The counselor will need to complete the tCADC application, have transcripts sent to the IBC office and submit copies of certificates of completion for applicable trainings. Once the application is complete, the applicant will need to pass the exam and will then receive a two-year tCADC certification.

Since the tCADC may only be held for two years, either the CADC upgrade application or IADC upgrade application needs to be completed prior to the expiration of the tCADC certification. This upgrade application will need to demonstrate the required amount of experience and supervision hours.

More detailed information about the tCADC may be found in the Counselor Handbook on the IBC website.

Recertification Late Fee Being Lowered

Beginning July 1, 2016, IBC is lowering the cost of the late fee from \$100.00 to \$50.00 for recertifications that are not postmarked on or before the certification expiration date. Effective this date, recertification applications will reflect this change.

The 45-day probationary period will stay the same.



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New (FREE!) Prevention Study Guide

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

Peer Recovery Specialist Credential

IBC began offering the Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS) credential last December; this credential is for substance abuse and mental health peers.

The PRS credential is an upgrade from the Mental Health Peer Support Specialist (MHPSS) credential which IBC offers in that while it requires the same peer training plus an additional 6 hours in Ethics, it is also reciprocal with other states that offer the PRS credential (currently 19 states and Canada). A full list of these states can be found at the back of the PRS Handbook on the IBC website (Kentucky & Delaware were just added).

IBC offered a 90-day grandfathering period which expired March 30, 2016 for all certified MHPSS's and 31 MHPSS's took advantage of this grandfathering period.

MHPSS's can still upgrade to the PRS by completing the PRS application on the IBC website and submitting it with verification of 6 additional hours in ethics, plus applicable fees, and passing the IC&RC exam. The PRS certification fee will then be prorated based on what has already been paid for the MHPSS credential.

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Peer Specialist Practice Exam

IC&RC will have a practice exam available by June 1st for 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:

<http://professionals.internationalcredentialing.org/examprep>

Ethics Sanctions

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:

David Cavender (IADC) - Revocation of certification for 7 years and sanctions

Shannon Mahannah (CADC) - Sanctions

Jennifer Tornow ACADC) - Sanctions

IC&RC Practice Exams

Practice exams are available for those preparing to become certified as a CADC, IADC 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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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.

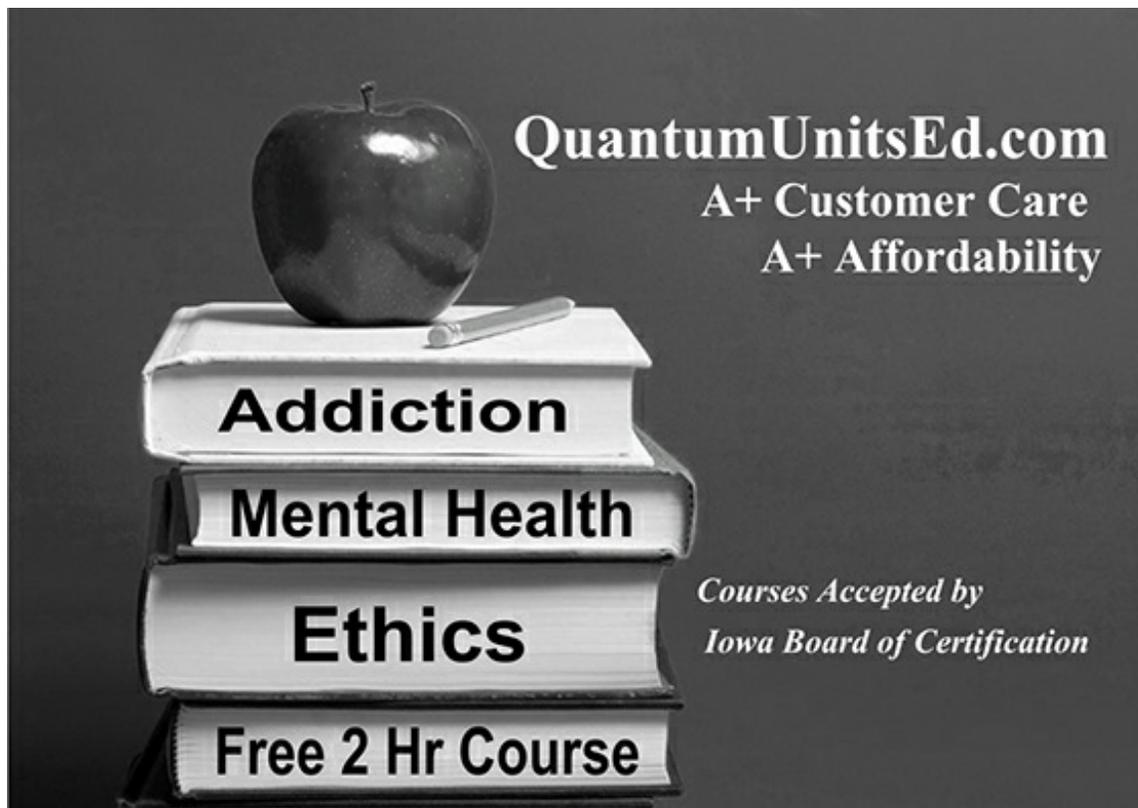
If you would like to have Debbie come to your agency, please call her at the IBC office at 515-965-5509 or email her at info@iowabc.org.

Need Education Hours?

Did you know that IBC has an area on the web site entitled "**Online Ed**" where you can go to find online/distance learning organizations to help you obtain hours for certification or recertification? Other online education providers can also be found in our newsletters.

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