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From the IBC Executive Director

IBC is excited to launch the **Advanced Certified Prevention Specialist (ACPS)** credential on September 4th. See the article below for more information.

IBC is also nearly ready to launch the **Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS)** credential - be watching the home page of our website for more information.

Would you be interested in helping on IBC's Ethics Committee? It's a great way to learn about ethics, assist IBC and also get Ethics hours for your recertification. See the article below for more information.

We're getting set up on Facebook - be watching for the link on our website and "Like us!" This will be a great way to find out more about what's new at IBC.

IBC Announces the Advanced Certified Prevention Specialist (ACPS) Credential

IBC is excited to offer a new **Advanced Certified Prevention Specialist** (ACPS) credential for Iowa professionals wishing to advance their prevention careers.

This credential is an opportunity for prevention professionals to demonstrate advanced prevention competencies such as application of the Strategic Prevention Framework, collaboration with substance abuse treatment and other behavioral health services, utilization of technology in service provision, and administration of trauma informed services.

IDPH and IBC sees this new credential as an important accomplishment for the prevention workforce of the state. We hope to create a strong pool of Advanced Certified Prevention Specialists to meet the leadership needs of our state.

Current CPS's who want to upgrade to the ACPS will need to complete the "ACPS Upgrade Application" found on the IBC website. Prevention specialists not currently certified with IBC will need to complete the "ACPS Application" which is also found on the IBC website. **The updated handbook and both applications will be on the IBC website on September 4.**

IBC Approved for Peer Recovery Credential through IC&RC

IBC was approved by IC&RC to carry the Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS) credential. This is a reciprocal level credential that IBC is still developing and will be launching **soon**. Be watching our website for more information!

Ethics Committee Members Needed

IBC could use more assistance on their Ethics Committee. This committee meets the second Friday of each month via Zoom (an online audio/video program) with one in-person meeting per year.

The Ethics Committee reviews all ethics complaints received in the IBC office and committee members are then tasked with gathering information related to each case.

If you are certified with us and are interested in applying for committee membership, give us a call or complete the Committee Member application (on the IBC website under "Downloads"). Involvement on the Ethics Committee counts toward your



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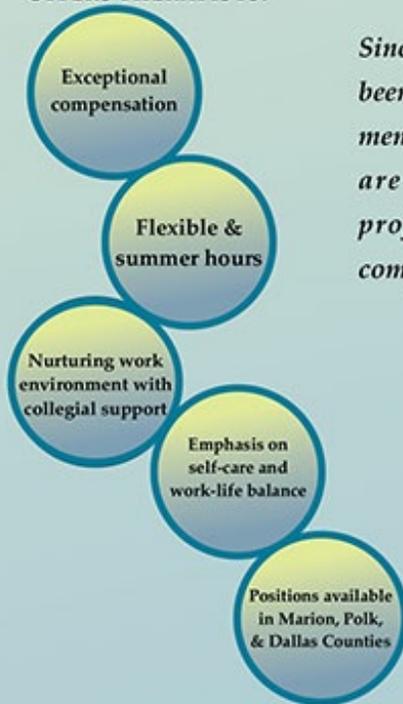
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New Domains and Exam for CADC/IADC

IC&RC has reworked the 8 Domains for a substance abuse counselor and

incorporated them into 4 Domains, with updated tasks associated with each Domain. These Domain and task changes are now reflected in the Handbook and application forms.

The updated Job Task Analysis (JTA) can be found on the IBC website, and the updated Domains/Tasks are available as an addendum to the Counselor Handbook. A JTA is the methodical process of determining what elements of practice and knowledge are important to assess as part of a certification exam and serves as the blueprint for the exam. It is the process that directly links an exam score to a specific job and ensures that an exam is valid, reliable and legally defensible. To stay relevant to current trends and practices, a JTA must be updated every 5-7 years.

Exams taken by CADC's and IADC's reflected these changes effective this past February.

The larger study guides that we sell (\$185.00) are now updated to the Domain changes and new exam, and are available in the IBC office for purchase. We have a few of the smaller study guides that were not updated that we are selling for \$50.00 rather than \$65.00.

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Changes to the Recertification Process

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.

While we encourage you to always hang onto 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.**

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:

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

The next practice exam coming will be for CPS candidates.

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.

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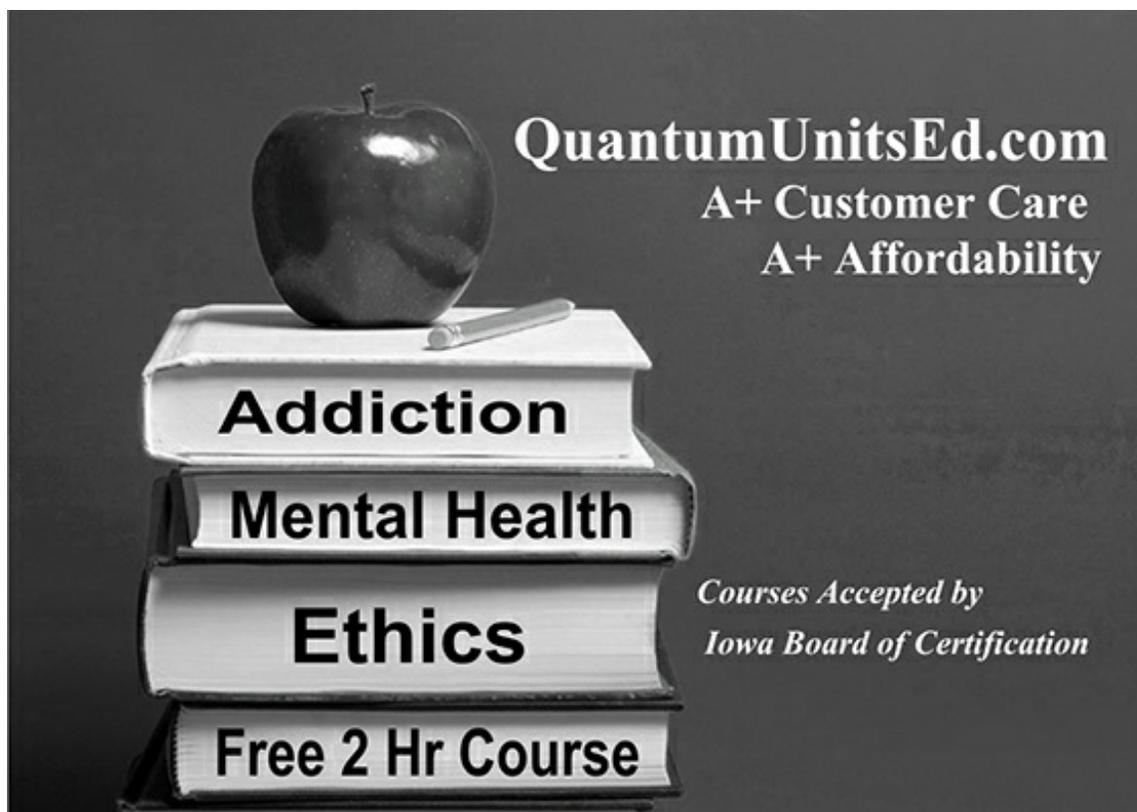
If you would like to have Debbie come to your agency, please call the IBC office at 515-965-5509 or email her at info@iowabc.org.

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?

Remember that new applicants may have up to 50% of their education hours in distance/online education to qualify for certification; current certified professionals are allowed up to 20 hours of distance/online education for recertification.

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