



Alcohol & Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia

Certification Board	ADACBGA (CADC I and CADC II)		GACA (CAC I and CAC II)	
As of March 29, 2018:				
Certification Boards often have changing requirements and standards. It is recommended that you contact either Certification Board directly for the latest requirements or if you have any questions.				
Membership Fee	\$0, while still providing leadership, advocacy and education		\$145 Annually (Optional) to be considered a member. GACA does offer discounts for specific groups of individuals. Check their website for additional information.	
Application Fee	\$150		\$150 if a member (essentially \$295 unless you receive a discounted membership fee.) \$300 if not a member	
Certification	CADC I	CADC II	CAC I	CAC II
Education Hours*	300 hours	300 hours	180 hours	270 hours
*	Education can be a combination of college education, workshops, trainings, conferences. Each 3-credit college course that is approved is the equivalent of 45 hours of education. No Expiration on Education Hours.		Min. 36hrs -GACA Max 36hrs -in-service Max 18hrs -home/web Max 90hrs -college	Min. 54hrs -GACA Max 54hrs -in-service Max 27hrs -home/web Max 135hrs -college
Supervision Hours**	300 hours	200 hours	220 hours	220 hours
**	Can be completed with any licensed mental health professional who works with substance abuse, a GACA CCS, or an ADACBGA Certified Counselor at level you are seeking or above		96 of the 220 hours for CAC I must be completed with a GACA CCS 144 of the 220 hours for CAC I must be completed with a GACA CCS	
Experience Hours***	6,000 hours	4,000 hours	4,000 hours	6,000 hours
***	There is no expiration date for experience hours.		Experience hours must be within 5 years of application completion	Experience hours must be within 8 years of application completion
Exam Fee	\$180		\$150	Retest: \$180
Study Materials	Free Candidate Guides Online Practice Exams Multiple Endorsed Study Guides		Unknown	
Recertification	Every two years \$150 40 hours of education 5 hours of Ethics 3 hours of Telemental Health 10 hours that are ADACBGA Approved \$35 late fee		Every two years \$100 if a member (essentially \$245 unless a discounted membership) \$200 for non-members 40 hours of education 6 hours of Ethics 20 hours that are GACA Approved \$50 late fee if a member \$75 late fee if not a member	
Reciprocity	47 States 24 Countries		Contact GACA or NAADAC for more information.	
Other Board Offerings:	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Trainee (CADC-T) Certified Advance Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC) Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS) Certified Criminal Justice Professional (CCJP) Certified Peer Recovery Coach (CPRC) Medication Assisted Treatment Specialist (MATS) Electronic Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (E-CADC) Certified Gambling Addiction Counselor (CGAC) Certified Recovery Residence Administrator (CRRRA)		Counselor In Training (CIT) Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS)	

