

**STEP 1****Master's Degree In Qualifying Field**

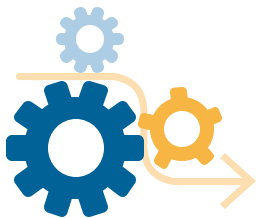
- Master's program accredited by Council for Higher Education Accreditation
- Master's Degree in Addiction counseling, Addiction Therapy or related area
- Courses must align with specific content areas and cannot be continuing education (CE) credits.
- Check [here](#) for a list of programs that may qualify for this license

**STEP 2****Apply for LCACA (Associate) License**

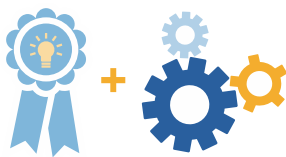
- Apply for your license [here](#). Submit application, fee, criminal background check (CBC), [Form C](#), [Form P](#), and official transcripts with master's degree conferred.
- Cannot use field experience to meet practicum requirements. Your practicum must occur within your master's program.

**STEP 3****Pass the Exam**

- Applicants must pass the [AADC](#) or [MAC](#) examination.
- Once you take the exam, the exam agency will release the scores to the BHHS Board. Exam results can be shared directly to the BHHS board.
- Seven (7) to ten (10) days after scores are received, the BHHS Board will issue the LCACA license (or notify applicants of next steps required).

**STEP 4****Get Experience towards full license as LCAC!**

- Must be licensed as a LCACA
- Individuals must have 2+ years of clinical addiction counseling experience. This includes at least 200 hours under supervision, 100 hours of which must be under individual supervision, and 100 of which must be under group supervision obtained under a qualified supervisor licensed in Indiana (LCSW, LCAC, HSPP, LMHC, LMFT, or Psychiatrist)
- Please review [IC 25-23.6-10.5-8](#) and [839 IAC 1-5.5](#) to learn more about experience requirements.

**STEP 5****Apply for full license as an LCAC**

- Apply for your license [here](#). Submit application, fee, criminal background check (CBC), Form E2, and S2.

**STEP 6****Explore Incentive Opportunities**

- Check out what policies and programs exist to support your practice in Indiana.
- Explore behavioral health workforce programs and incentives at <https://bowenportal.org/portfolio/the-playbook/existing-initiatives/> to learn more about current opportunities.

**Moving to Indiana, or looking to begin practicing in Indiana?**

Individuals who hold a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction and meet other certain criteria may be eligible to apply for a license by reciprocity. Information on how to apply for licensure by reciprocity is available [here](#) on the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's (PLA's) website.