

Virginia Board of Counseling

National Certifications approved by the Board for Certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement

In Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants, Section 18VAC115-30-45 states that: “Every application for certification by endorsement shall submit verification of a current certification in good standing issued by [the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, or “NAADAC”] or other board-recognized national certification in substance abuse counseling obtained by educational and experience standards substantially equivalent to those set forth in this chapter.”

For the purpose of meeting the requirement of Section 45, the Board has determined that the following national certifications are deemed substantially equivalent:

- The National Certified Addiction Counselor Level II (NCAC II) accreditation from the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCC AP)/NAADAC, the Association of Addiction Professionals;
- The Master Addiction Counselor (MAC) accreditation from the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCC AP)/NAADAC, the Association of Addiction Professionals;
- The Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor (AADC) accreditation from the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC); or
- The Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) accreditation from the National Board of Certified Counselors, (NBCC).