



What is the TAP Program?

About the Program

The Training for Addiction Professionals (TAP) Program is an educational training program for individuals seeking to become alcohol/drug or problem gambling counselors. The program contracts with the State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health to provide quality, affordable training statewide. The program also provides continuing education to professionals already in the field.

The TAP Program works closely with the state to provide pre-approved core and continuing education classes. This assures TAP participants the education provided to them adheres to the standards and regulation of the state of Nebraska's Title 172, Chapter 15 for alcohol/drug counselors and Title 206 NAC 7 for problem gambling counselors.

Core Education

The core education schedule is designed for professionals to complete one (1) training within a week's timeframe. Each core course is offered a minimum of once each six months. Therefore, you can potentially complete all of your educational requirements within six months. Most participants complete the program over a year's time; however you may take longer if needed.

Core Classes

Counseling Theories & Techniques
Group Counseling
Human Growth and Development
Multicultural Counseling
Professional Ethics and Issues

Alcohol/Drug Specific

Alcohol/Drug Assessment, Case Planning & Management
Clinical Treatment Issues in Chemical Dependency
Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Alcohol/Drug and Addictions

Problem Gambling Specific

Problem Gambling Assessment, Case Management and Treatment Planning
Problem Gambling Clinical Aspects
Problem Gambling Medical/Psychosocial Aspects

Classes can be completed in any order. However, it may be beneficial to complete the classes specific to alcohol/drug or problem gambling after you have taken some of the other courses. Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHPs) are only required to complete the alcohol/drug or problem gambling specific classes, due to their previous training.

The TAP Program is not accredited and classes do not offer college credit.

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Continuing Education

As an addictions counselor, continuing education is required to maintain your license or certification. The TAP Program offers continuing education and strives to bring professionals with up to date trainings on a variety of topics. All continuing education is pre-approved for LADC's and/or CCGC's and will also satisfy continuing education requirements for LMHP's.

ASI/CASI Training and Criminal Justice Workshops

As a substance abuse counselor or professional with substance abuse in your scope of practice, you are eligible to become a Registered Provider of Substance Abuse Services with the Office of Probation Administration. To be considered for the provider list, specific education is required. The TAP Program is a provider of that education, which includes the ASI Training and/or CASI Training and training on criminal thinking and behaviors.

For specific information on the requirements to become a provider and how to register please contact Julie Scott at the Office of Probation Administration at Julie.scott@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3526.

Gambling Assistance Program Provider (GAP)

The TAP Program provides Core Fundamental Training for new GAP Contractors. This training is offered once per calendar year and is for clinicians who may or may not be seeking a full CCGC credential.

For specific information on the requirement to become a GAP provider and how to register please contact Maya Chilese at DHHS, maya.chilese@nebraska.gov (402) 471-7792.