



WSGCC

Washington State Gambling
Counselor Certification

Certification Updates as of 11/12/2020

Temporary Changes because of COVID-19

Renewal deadline extension: All WSGC Certification Renewal deadlines for 2020 have been extended to December 31, 2020. Don't wait until the last minute to renew your certification!

100% Online Learning Allowance: All training for certification and/or renewal can be obtained via online/virtual platforms through March 31, 2021.

Permanent Changes that will appear in the next version of the Certification Manual

Clinical Supervision, pgs 6 and 7 of manual:

- 1) Clinical supervision no longer requires 3 face-to-face visits per year. All clinical supervision sessions can be completed by phone or other audio/video HIPAA-compliant digital program.
- 2) Supervision can be provided in groups of up to 4 supervisees.
- 3) Supervision can be provided in person, by phone, or by other HIPAA-compliant video/audio communication by:
 - a. an approved Washington State Gambling Counseling Supervisor, or
 - b. a BACC at the International level from anywhere in the U.S.

Clinical Supervisor Applicants, pg 31 of manual:

- 1) Clinical Supervision Experience:
 - a. Applicants with a PhD/Master's Degree no longer are required to have previous behavioral health clinical supervision experience (reduced from 3 yrs to 0 yrs).
 - b. Applicants with a Bachelor's Degree are now required to have 2 yrs previous behavioral health clinical supervision experience (reduced from 5 yrs to 2 yrs).
- 2) Clinical Supervisor applicants are no longer required to have a minimum of one year of work as a gambling counselor post the date of Level II Certification. (i.e. Whether WSCGC-II, or ICGC-II, once applicant has obtained 2,000 hrs of direct contact clinical work with problem gambling affected clients/affected persons, they meet the Work Experience - Expertise and Experience section of requirements to be eligible to apply to be an Approved Gambling Counselor Supervisor. Other requirements apply.)

*An updated version of the Certification Manual will be released once further pending changes are finalized.