



WSGCC

Washington State Gambling
Counselor Certification

2021-2022 Certification Updates as of 03/15/2022

Temporary Changes because of COVID-19

100% Online Learning Allowance: All training for certification and/or renewal can be obtained via online/virtual platforms through March 31, 2022. At which time it will return to a 10-hr allowance of online learning.

Changes coming in the 2022 Certification Manual*

- 1) **As of July 1, 2021**, all initial applications and renewals must include at least **6 hours Cultural Competency** training. For initial applicants, this can include any Cultural Competency hours received as part of the 30-hour **Gambling Counselor Core Training** program, if taken through ECPG. For renewals, this is in addition to the 4 hours in Ethics, also every 2 years.
- 2) Clarification around requirements and prospective timeline of SUDPTs starting the certification process and applying for Provisional Provider status.
- 3) Exam Alternative option pending.
- 4) IGCCB Gambling Counselor Exam registration changes from IGCCB.

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

Changes made in the current 2021 Certification Manual

Clinical Supervision, pp. 6-8 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, p. 32 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.)