

**Detoxification Technician: Certification**  
**NAC 458.341 - 458.352**

**Initial Application Process** (NAC 458.341, 458.342, 458.345)

Initial Applicant must:

- Complete application (provided by SAPTA) and submit the following (Application must be complete before the applicant can take the exam.):
  - \$25.00 non-refundable fee
  - Copy of high school diploma or GED
  - Copy of certification in the techniques of administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
  - Initialed felony statement and attached statement regarding felony conviction, if applicable.
  - Written verification of the applicant's current employment, if any
  - A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Division to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation along with applicable fees.
  - Signed and initialed Authorization for Release of Information document.
- Complete approved 6-hour training (CASAT online module)
- Pass exam with a minimum score of 70%
- Submit a copy of training certificate

**Renewal Application Process** (NAC 458.349, 458.351, 458.352, 458.345)

(All detox techs certified prior to 12/2019 must complete fingerprinting upon renewal.)

Renewal Application must be completed every two years, and must include:

- Complete application (provided by SAPTA) and submit the following (if the renewal application, fee and other information isn't received by the Division on or before the date of expiration the individual must re-apply through the Initial Applicant Process):
  - \$25.00 non-refundable fee
  - Copy of certification in the techniques of administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
  - A statement signed by the applicant indicating whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if so, when and where the conviction occurred and a description of the offense.
- Complete approved 6 hour training (CASAT online module)
- Pass exam with a minimum score of 70%
- Submit a copy of training certificate

**NAC 449.1214 General requirements.** ([NRS 449.0302](#))

1. A facility that offers a social model detoxification program:
  - (a) Must have a physician, nurse practitioner, registered nurse or physician assistant conduct a physical assessment and a review of the general medical and drug history of a client within 24 hours after the client is admitted to the facility to ensure that a social model detoxification program is appropriate for the client.

(b) Must not provide detoxification services for clients who exhibit life-threatening symptoms of withdrawal from alcohol and drug abuse.

(c) Must develop and implement policies and procedures that protect the safety and health of clients. The facility must have these policies and procedures reviewed annually by a licensed physician who is familiar with the symptoms of withdrawal from alcohol and drug abuse.

(d) Must ensure that the observation of a client during his or her treatment in the social model detoxification program is reflected in the records of the client as deemed necessary by the policies and procedures of that facility.

2. The staff of a facility that offers a social model detoxification program must complete at least 6 hours of additional education in the detoxification of alcohol and drug abusers, as approved by the program of ongoing quality improvement pursuant to [NAC 449.1218](#), every 2 years. Such education must include instruction in:

- (a) Acute withdrawal symptoms from alcohol and drug abuse; and
- (b) First-aid procedures for clients with seizures.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health by R077-01, eff. 10-18-2001)

**NAC 449.1218 Program of ongoing quality improvement. ([NRS 449.0302](#))**

1. A social model detoxification program must have a program of ongoing quality improvement designed to:

- (a) Monitor and evaluate, objectively and systematically, the quality and appropriateness of client care;
- (b) Pursue opportunities to improve client care; and
- (c) Resolve identified problems.

2. The program of ongoing quality improvement must:

(a) Establish written policies and procedures to describe and document the monitoring and evaluation activities of the program of ongoing quality improvement.

(b) Include the participation of a medical professional who is not required to be a member of the staff. For the purposes of this paragraph, “medical professional” means a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or registered nurse who is familiar with clients suffering from acute withdrawal symptoms from alcohol and drug abuse.

(c) In addition to the participation of a medical professional pursuant to paragraph (b), include the participation of the administrator and two staff members of the social model detoxification program.

(d) Approve the 6 hours of additional education required pursuant to [NAC 449.1214](#) to ensure that the additional education is appropriate.

3. The findings of the program of ongoing quality improvement, including any conclusions, recommendations, actions taken and the results of the actions taken, must be documented. All documentation must be reported to the governing body and must be reflected in the minutes annually.

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