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Detoxification Technician Certification

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Detoxification Technician Role

In accordance with NAC 458.341:

Scope of Practice:

- 1.) Provide screening for the safe withdrawal from alcohol and other drugs in accordance with the criteria of the Division,
- 2.) Obtain and monitor vital signs of client
- 3.) Represent him/herself to the public as a Detoxification Technician

Detoxification Technicians are certified and utilized in a LOC 3.7 setting and a Detoxification Technician does not take the place of medical staff.



SAPTA Certification Process

Criminal Background Screening Criteria:

To make hiring determinations for Medical Detoxification Facilities

- Pursuant to NAC 449 under FACILITIES FOR MODIFIED MEDICAL DETOXIFICATION the following criteria apply: All candidates for employment or volunteer service with direct, repetitive contact with clients (NAC 449.15315 definition) who are receiving any form of medical detoxification service(s) at a facility, regardless of job classification or department, must agree to submit to a criminal background check which includes State and FBI fingerprint background checks, national and Nevada sex offender registries, criminal record searches in all counties where the candidate has resided in the past five years, and social security number verification. No newly hired employee or volunteer will have unsupervised access to clients/participants or any access to member records and or medication until the results of all searches are received and found fully acceptable based on, but not necessarily limited to, convictions for the following:
- No felonies in the past 7 years;
- No homicide or voluntary manslaughter;
- No felony offenses involving sale, distribution or transportation of, offer to sell, transport or distribute or conspiracy to sell, transport or distribute controlled substances;
- No crimes related to the mistreatment, abuse, or molestation of children.
- No felony assault, battery or aggravated assault;
- No felony robbery, burglary, larceny, extortion, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property;
- No lesser crimes involving force or threat of force against a person (assault/battery) in the past 5 years – e.g., misdemeanor resulting in community service;
- No lesser crimes in which sexual relations is an element, including “victimless” crimes of a sexual nature (e.g., indecent exposure, prostitution, etc.);
- No lesser crimes involving controlled substances within the past 5 years;
- No crimes involving cruelty to animals;
- No repeat offenders of non-criterion offenses within the past 2 years (e.g., petty theft, numerous DUI’s, etc.).

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY APPLICATION FOR DETOXIFICATION TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION Upload completed application and payment to ALiS

- **Applicant must indicate by initialing below that each item is contained within the submission packet. Incomplete application packets may be denied.** \$25.00 non-refundable fee (paid through electronic ALiS system)
- Copy of high school diploma or GED
- Copy of a current 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
- Certificate of completed 6-hour training (Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies online 4-module training) / Proof of passing an examination for certification as a detoxification technician (Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies) – Passing score = minimum of 70%
- Written Verification of the applicant’s current employment submitted on Agency Letterhead

Once the application packet is received, it will be reviewed to ensure all documents have been submitted as identified in the checklist above. Once issued, certification is valid for two years





SAPTA Certification Links

- DPBH SAPTA Website: dpbh.nv.gov (can also access the ALiS website from this link.)
- ALiS Link: nvsapta.aithent.com
- CASAT Learning Address: casatlearning.org
- NAC Chapter 458: www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-458.html
- NRS Chapter 458: www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-458.html





Questions?





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