

Registered Alcohol Drug Technician (RADT)

Scope of Practice

PURPOSE

- A. To ensure a consistent standard of quality education, training, and experience for the Registered Alcohol and Drug Technician (RADT)
- B. Registration is necessary to safeguard public health, safety, and welfare and to protect the public from unauthorized service delivery by unqualified alcohol and drug service providers.

REQUIREMENTS

Competency requirements shall include the following functions taken from TAP 21:

- Screening
- Intake
- Orientation
- Referral
- Consultation
- Case Management Crisis Intervention Client
- Family & Community Education
- Report & Record Keeping

ROLE OF THE REGISTERED ALCOHOL AND DRUG TECHNICIAN

Under the general supervision of an appropriately qualified supervisor*, the Registered Alcohol and Drug Technician shall:

- A. Assist and support clients, family members, and others with alcohol/drug abuse or dependence to attain and maintain abstinence as appropriate
- B. Develop a program tailored to the individual in support of a recovery process that affects an improved quality of living
- C. Provide support as part of a treatment team in referring clients, family members, and others to other appropriate health professionals as needed.
- D. Provide quality assistance and support for clients with alcohol/drug abuse or dependence, their family members, and others by the following means:
 - a. Providing current and accurate information and education on the disease of alcoholism and other drug dependency issues and recovery processes

- b. assisting in identifying and understanding the defense mechanisms that support addiction
- c. facilitating, through self-exploration
- d. the consequences of alcoholism and other drug dependence
- e. utilizing skills and knowledge in screening, intake, orientation, referral, consultation, case management, crisis intervention, client, family & community education, and report & record keeping
- f. assisting in relapse prevention/recovery capital planning
- g. recognizing relapse symptoms and behavior patterns
- h. providing current and accurate information and education to identify and understand the roles of family members and others in the alcoholism/drug dependency system
- i. educating about the complementary nature of self-help groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Women for Sobriety, Narcotics Anonymous, Secular Organization for Sobriety, Co-dependents Anonymous, etc., as well as the unique role each plays in the recovery process;
- j. assisting clients in establishing life management skills to support a recovery process;
- k. facilitating problem-solving and the development of alternatives to alcohol/drug use or abuse
- l. utilizing the appropriate skills to assist in developing sober, life management, and communication skills that support recovery, including:
 - i. Active Listening
 - ii. Intervention
 - iii. Leading
 - iv. Confrontation
 - v. Summarizing
 - vi. Feedback
 - vii. Reflection
 - viii. Concreteness
 - ix. Empathy
 - x. Education;
- m. maintaining appropriate records in a confidential manner

- n. providing all services in accordance with the registering authority (CCAPP Credentialing) signed Code of Conduct and Scope of Practice for the Registered Alcohol and Drug Technician.

SETTING FOR DELIVERY OF SERVICES

- A. The RADT may provide the identified services to individuals with alcohol/drug addiction or dependence, their family members, and others in hospitals, agencies, and other facilities where alcohol and/or drug services are delivered.

DEFINITIONS

- A. The RADT is an individual who must be in the process of becoming certified.
- B. The RADT has five years from the date of registering unless they file and are approved for hardship for up to two years with CCAPP Credentialing to obtain the required education, training, and testing to become certified. These requirements encompass a competency-based core of knowledge and skills to develop competency to assist alcohol/drug-affected persons, as well as those affected by the alcohol/drug-affected person.

NON-APPLICATION

- A. Nothing in this Scope of Practice shall be construed to constrict or limit the practice of any other professional licensed by the State of California under the Medical Practice Act, the Social Work Licensing Law, the Nursing Practice Act, the Psychology Licensing Act, or the Marriage, Family and Child Counselors Licensing Law.
- B. Nor shall the Scope of Practice apply to any priest, rabbi, or minister of the gospel of any religious denomination when performing counseling services as a part of his or her pastoral or professional duties or to any person who is admitted to practice law in the state, or who is licensed to practice medicine when providing counseling services as part of his/her professional practice.
- C. Nor shall this Scope of Practice apply to an employee of a governmental entity or of a school, college, or university or of an institution both non-profit and charitable if his/her practice is performed solely under the supervision of the entity, school, or organization by which he/she is employed, and if he/she performs such functions as part of the position for which he/she is employed.

SUPERVISOR QUALIFICATIONS*

It is the responsibility of registration and certification applicants to ensure that all supervised internship hours (closely supervised) performed in a practicum or for credit toward work experience requirements for certification are verified by a professional who is qualified by meeting one of the definitions below. Internship/practicum hours are closely supervised which means a qualified supervisor must be in the same room when an intern is practicing counseling skills or performing any function described in the four domains or 12 core functions. Work experience hours (2080+ hours) are not closely supervised and therefore the individual only needs to have a qualified supervisor at the facility where the work is being performed to evaluate the quality of work and perform clinical supervision.

Supervisor for CADC I Applicants:

A supervisor for CADC I practicum or work experience verification is defined as:

- Any CADC I, CADC II, CCAPP CCS, IC&RC ICCS, LAADC, LAADC-S
- or any person who has documented education, training, and experience that is comparable to, or exceeds the above certifications; indicate how this supervisor meets this qualification below*

Supervisor for CADC II Applicants:

A supervisor for CADC II practicum or work experience verification is defined as:

- Any CADC II, CCAPP CCS, IC&RC ICCS, LAADC, LAADC-S
- or any person who has documented education, training, and experience that is comparable to, or exceeds the above certifications; indicate how this supervisor meets this qualification below*

Supervisor for CADC III Applicants:

A supervisor for CADC III practicum or work experience verification is defined as:

- Any CADC III, CCAPP CCS, IC&RC ICCS, LAADC, LAADC-S
- or any person who has documented education, training, and experience that is comparable to, or exceeds the above certifications; indicate how this supervisor meets this qualification below*

Supervisor for LAADC Applicants:

A supervisor for LAADC practicum or work experience verification is defined as Any CCAPP CCS, IC&RC ICCS, LAADC, LAADC-S

*Definition of “comparable to” (Please submit supervisor’s resume or letter documenting how requirements are satisfied).

- A CADC-CAS must have at least 9 years of experience and submit a resume.
- Any person with a master’s degree in a behavioral health discipline and three years of supervised experience in delivering counseling services consistent with the 12 core functions.
- Any person with a bachelor’s degree in a behavioral health discipline and five years of supervised experience in delivering counseling services consistent with the 12 core functions.
- Any person with an associate’s degree in a behavioral health discipline and seven years of supervised experience in delivering counseling services consistent with the 12 core functions.

Become a Verified CCAPP Supervisor

The form is to verify supervisors who have the necessary qualifications to supervise but do not have a CCAPP-approved credential: [Supervisor Qualification Verification Application](#)