

Certified Sexual Offender Clinician (CSOC)

Therapists seeking certification as a CSOC understand the unique qualities of this specialty. The combined knowledge of clinical models/treatment and the legal system allow clinicians to be effective treatment providers.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Initial Certification Requirements (in addition to General Prerequisite Requirements listed previously)

1. Complete a minimum of seventy (70) total hours of training concerning sexual offending in the past five (5) years. At least thirty-five (35) hours of this training must be completed in person or via synchronous video e-learning. The remaining may be completed either in person, or via distance learning. These hours must be obtained from an accredited college or university, or alternatively from a continuing education organization that is certified to provide CE credits from any of the approved organizations (see bottom of page). Please note that the Credentialing Committee reserves the right to reject any educational credits or to request additional education in any subject matter prior to awarding a certification.

This training must meet the following minimum requirements:

- a. A minimum of fifteen (15) hours in assessment, to include each of the following:
 - i. Actuarial risk assessment of sexual offenders
 - ii. Assessment of arousal patterns
 - iii. Polygraphy
- b. A minimum of fifteen (15) hours in clinical evaluation of sexual offenders, to include training specific to each of the following:
 - i. Case conceptualization
 - ii. Differences between contact and non-contact offenders
 - iii. Differences between juvenile and adult offenders
 - iv. Effects associated with intellectual and developmental disabilities,
 - v. Identification of treatment factors
- c. A minimum of ten (10) hours in diagnostic concerns specific to sexual offending, to include:
 - i. Paraphilic disorders,
 - ii. Personality disorders,
 - iii. Psychopathy
- d. A minimum of twenty (20) hours in treatment of sexual offenders, to include (at a minimum):
 - i. Containment model
 - ii. Good Lives model
 - iii. Impact on victims
 - iv. Impact on family members
 - v. Chaperone training
- e. A minimum of five (5) hours in the criminal justice system
- f. A minimum of five (5) hours concerning limits of competence, ethics, legal concerns, and standards of care for sex offender assessment and treatment
- g. Training in only one treatment methodology is not sufficient to meet these requirements. Only ten (10) hours in one method may count toward the total hours required.

2. Complete a minimum of five hundred (500) hours of direct clinical intervention with sex offenders or first-degree family members affected by sexual offending.
3. Complete at least forty (40) hours of clinical supervision of sex offender treatment.
 - a. Supervision may be conducted by any CSOC Supervisor
 - b. Supervision may be conducted by someone who is a recognized expert in this subject matter who is not a predesignated CSOC supervisor, as approved by SASH on a case by case basis. To have such a supervisor approved, the applicant must submit a Supervisor Special Approval Form, along with a copy of the supervisor's vita and a statement of the qualifying nature of the supervision
 - c. A minimum of fifteen (15) hours must be completed in individual (one on one) supervision
 - d. The remaining supervision can occur in groups no larger than six (6) supervisees
 - a. Supervision must come from at least two supervisors with different theoretical orientations. (supervision hours are equally divided between the two supervisors.)

* *Ongoing Certification Requirements may be found on SASH website (sash.net)*

Distinguished Sex Therapist (DST)

Automatically Awarded to Individuals with 3 SASH Certifications

Therapists seeking certification as a DST represent the highest level of experience and knowledge in the industry. The Distinguished Sex Therapist credential communicates to the world advanced expertise.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete all requirements for at least three (3) of the four (4) above credentials.
2. At least five (5) years of professional practice in the field of human sexuality while holding licensure to practice independently as a mental health provider.

Approved Educational Providers

Training organizations approved by the following continuing education certifying bodies likely meet the educational requirements of the individual certifications offered by SASH. It is the responsibility of the training organization offering continuing education to maintain their status as an approved provider from these organizations.

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)
- National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC- ACEP)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB-ACE)
- Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (AAMFT)
- NAADAC-The Association for Addiction Professionals