

## **Education Equivalency For Addiction Counselor Certification**

When an applicant submits college courses on an application to DORA in lieu of one of the required training classes, it is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate how their college course is equivalent to the DBH approved core competencies for that class.

Anyone wishing to use college equivalents must submit the following to DORA:

1. An official transcript from an accredited college or university in a sealed envelope. The courses must be in a behavioral health science or field. Each college class being offered as the equivalent of a CAC required class must have a grade of C or above.
2. A cover letter with an attached syllabus and a written description about why the college class is equivalent to the CAC required class.
3. A college course must offer college credits that are equivalent or greater than the number of clock hours required for the DBH training class.

### **College equivalency hours:**

One semester credit hour = 15 clock hours

Two semester credit hours = 30 clock hours

Three semester credit hours = 45 clock hours

One quarter credit hour = 8.5 hours

Two quarter credit hours = 17 hours

Three quarter credit hours = 25.5 clock hours

### **CAC required classes that must be taken (no college course equivalency)**

Client Record Management, 14 hrs

Infectious Diseases in Addiction Treatment, 14 hrs

Pharmacology I, 14 hrs

Pharmacology II, 14 hrs

Trauma Informed Care for Diverse Populations, 14 hrs

Clinical Supervision I, 21 hrs

Clinical Supervision II, 14 hrs

### **CAC required classes that may have college equivalency (See core competencies posted on the DBH website)**

Addiction Counseling Skills, 21 hrs

Principles of Addiction Treatment, 21 hrs

Culturally Informed Treatment, 14 hrs

Professional Ethics I: Ethics and Jurisprudence, 14 hrs

Professional Ethics II, 14 hrs

Motivational Interviewing, 21 hrs

Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, 14 hrs

Clinical Assessment and Treatment Planning, 14 hrs

Co-Occurring Disorders, 14 hrs

Group Counseling Skills, 21 hrs

Advanced Motivational Interviewing, 14 hrs

Professional Practice, 7 hrs