



**Minnesota Certification Board**

*"Setting the policies and procedures for alcohol and other drug certifications"*

## *About*

The Minnesota Certification Board (MCB) Inc. is a 501c-3 private non-profit organization that sets policies and procedures for alcohol and other drug professional certifications in Minnesota and is the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) member board for Minnesota. IC&RC is a global leader in the credentialing of prevention, addiction treatment, and recovery professionals.

The MCB administers certifications for professionals in the areas of:

- Alcohol and Drug Counseling
- Clinical Supervision
- Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counseling (Co-Occurring)
- Prevention
- Peer Recovery
- Criminal Justice (Addictions)

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## *Benefits of Certification*

Certification identifies professionals who are specialists in their designated field. Certification is designed to promote and maintain integrity and quality and to provide consumer protection.

Professionals who are certified at the reciprocal level enjoy the benefit of being able to transfer their credential(s) to other IC&RC jurisdictions that offer the same credential.

Certification is based on industry standards. Reciprocal level credentials undergo a rigorous development process that includes subject matter experts, psychometricians, and other professionals with a wide range of experiences. State level (non-reciprocal) level credentials are developed in collaboration with state leaders and practicing professionals in order to respond to the unique workforce needs of the board's jurisdiction.

Exams used in the certification process are also recognized by other professional boards. For instance, the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy (BBHT) accepts the IC&RC alcohol and drug counselor exam toward the examination requirements for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) credential.

Certification allows professionals to obtain credentials for additional specialty designations that may not be recognized by their primary license.

## OVERVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

Detailed information may change; updated information can be found on the MCB website at: [www.mcboard.org](http://www.mcboard.org)

<b>Peer Recovery Specialists</b>		
Credential	Credential Name	Fees
CPRS	Certified Peer Recovery Specialist	\$150 – Includes processing fee, exam, and one year of certification
CPRSR	Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Reciprocal	\$150 – Includes processing fee, exam, and one year of certification

<b>Alcohol and Drug Counselors</b>		
Credential	Credential Name	Fees
Exam Only	N/A	\$225
ADC-MN	Alcohol and Drug Counselor-Minnesota	\$390 – Includes processing fee, exam, and one year of certification
ADCR-MN	Alcohol and Drug Counselor Reciprocal-Minnesota	\$390 – Includes processing fee, exam, and one year of certification
AADCR-MN	Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor Reciprocal-Minnesota	\$390 – Includes processing fee, exam, and one year of certification

<b>Prevention Professionals</b>		
Credential	Credential Name	Fees
Exam Only	N/A	\$225
CPP	Certified Prevention Professional	\$125 – Includes processing fee and one year of certification
CPPA	Certified Prevention Professional Advanced	\$390 – Includes processing fee, exam, and one year of certification
CPPR	Certified Prevention Professional Reciprocal	\$390 – Includes processing fee, exam, and one year of certification

<b>Criminal Justice Addictions Professionals</b>		
Credential	Credential Name	Fees
CCJPR	Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional Reciprocal	\$225 – Includes initial review fee and first year of certification. Certification as a ADCR-MN or ADC-MN is also required.

<b>Clinical Supervisors</b>		
Credential	Credential Name	Fees
CCSR	Certified Clinical Supervisor Reciprocal	\$390 – Includes initial review fee and first year of certification

### Renewal and Recertification

Renewal fees vary by credential; please see our website for specific fee information. MCB also requires recertification every two years in order to maintain the high standards of professional practice and to assure that certified professionals remain up to date in the field. A recertification application packet will be mailed to your address on file in advance of your recertification date. Recertification will correspond with your annual renewal date every second year. The recertification process requires completion of the recertification application, verification of continuing education completion (for most credentials 40 hours, six of which, must be in ethics), no ethical violations and reading and agreeing to uphold the code of ethical conduct for the credential.