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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is pleased to announce an opportunity for individuals living in [rural and frontier Oregon](#) to obtain the education required by the Mental Health and Addiction Counseling Board of Oregon (MHACBO) to become a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Level I (CADC I).

- Application process will be open on 2/20/2021 and applications will be accepted until the first cohort is filled.
- Applications are reviewed by OHA and Janis Crawford LLC and must be completed in their entirety to be considered for selection.
- This is a non-competitive first come, first serve opportunity. If more applications are received than the available spots, a lottery process will be used for selection.

For a participant to be selected, they must be sponsored by an agency or provider of addiction treatment services. Sponsoring agencies and providers must agree to:

- Help identify and select applicants.
- Have a CADC II available to provide the work supervision that would allow participants to accumulate the 1000 hours of work experience required for the CADC I.
- Offer a volunteer and/or employment opportunity for the participant who has completed the CADC I education; and
- Participate in the evaluation of the project.

Why is this happening?

Rural and frontier communities have limited or no CADC Education opportunities due to workforce and funding shortages. This opportunity intends to help Oregon substance use disorder programs address workforce development needs.

Participants must meet the [MHACBO](#) CADC I requirements concerning criminal histories and their recovery status. Participants must use their certification to work in a rural or frontier community. As defined by Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH). Click on this link for a map that defines rural and frontier Oregon. <https://www.ohsu.edu/media/881>

About the project:

This opportunity will provide full tuition for 170 hours of education that will allow recipients to meet the CADC I education requirements. Most of the education will be conducted via live webinars using Zoom.

- 40 people will be selected to attend. There will be two cohorts of 20 people.
- Applications for cohort students are due by 04/20/2021.
- The first cohort will begin courses on 6/12/21 and complete by 10/09/21.



- Cohort 1 will be conducted remotely unless otherwise indicated; the schedule follows:
- 06/12/21 Orientation and introduction to program
- 06/19/21 – 06/23/21 Group Counseling and Basic Counseling 40-hour retreat (live)
- 06/26/21 – 10/09/21 Remote learning on Saturdays only; 8 hours per day
- Courses offered remotely include: Addiction and Trauma, Pharmacology of Addiction, Counseling Ethics, Clinical Evaluation, HIV/Aids, Theories of Counseling, and Motivational Interviewing. Specific course topic schedule to be determined.
- The second cohort will begin training in June 2022. Applicants who are not awarded a slot in the 2021 cohort will be given priority to apply for the second cohort.

Participants will be required to cover the following expenses:

- Costs related to technology and reliable internet access.
- Other resources needed to attend the web-based sessions.
- Travel and food costs for the weekend retreat (lodging will be provided).

To successfully complete each course, participants must:

- Complete the requirements of the courses as determined by the instructors.
- Attend all classes and complete all course activities.
- Complete evaluations for each course as indicated by instructors.
- Participate in follow up surveys.