



Chemical Dependency
Professionals Board

Board Updates

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In this update:

Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) background check requirements.

What you should know about the information you attest to in elicense.

OCPS and OCPC can earn 1.5 CEUS towards renewal for every one hour of professional prevention education presented.

Effective **July 1, 2026**, the Board will no longer accept single course CEU certificates for CDCA education. Find out what that means!

And More...

New Background Check Requirement for All Ohio License and Certificate Holders

As of February 1, 2025, all applicants for licensure and certification through the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board (OCDP) must include an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Background Check report! Find out how to ensure your application is submitted with the required information to avoid unnecessary processing delays and get instructions for completing your required background check, including whether you may be exempt!



[Learn More](#)



Complete Your Own Applications

It is important that only you as the applicant complete your certificate and license application(s) in elicense. As the applicant, you are required to attest to portions of the application that are legally and ethically binding.

Coming Soon:

CDCA Education Bundles

To streamline the application process for more expedited review times and provide

Supervision Provided by LICDC or LICDC-CS License Holders

The CDP Board has received numerous inquiries regarding the ability of LICDC or

similar foundational learning for all Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistants (CDCA PRE and CDCA) , the Board will require applicants utilizing continuing education (CEUS) to meet the certification requirements to obtain the education hours through a pre-approved provider offering a "CDCA Bundle". (Applicants meeting the CDCA education requirements through college coursework will not be required to use a CDCA "Bundle")

A CDCA Bundle is a structured course or series of courses, offered through a CDP Board-approved education provider, that meets all CDCA Preliminary (40-hour) and CDCA (30-hour) content area requirements. Beginning January 2026, instead of submitting multiple single course CEU certificates , applicants will upload one certificate confirming their completion of a Bundle.

This fall the Board will provide a list of all approved CDCA Bundle educational providers on the website to make it easier for CDCA applicants to know where they can find continuing education to meet the requirements. After July 1, 2026 the board will only accept approved CDCA Bundles to meet CDCA education . (Applicants using college coursework remain the same unless education was more than five years prior to applying, then the Bundle or approved college endorsement is required). Exceptions for those who started CEU's for the CDCA PRE before Dec 31, 2025 and apply prior to Dec 31, 2026 as they can be approved by single CEUS or older CDCA packages. Anyone awarded their CDCA PRE after Jan 1, 2026, must complete the CDCA Renewable education by approved Bundle. Further updates to come.

[Learn More About the CDCA Education Content Area Updates](#)

Former Board Chair, Dr. Andrew Moss, LICDC-CS, LPCC-S, reviews the CDCA education in the content areas and other information education providers must cover within their CDCA "Bundle" to receive CDP Board approval.

LICDC-CS to provide clinical supervision to Licensed Social Workers (LSW) and Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) . LSWs and LPCs working solely with substance use disorder clients, but not dual-diagnosis clients, may receive clinical supervision from LICDC or LICDC- CS licensees. Please refer to the following CSWMFT Board OAC rules for more information:

[Rule 4757-17-01](#) | Counseling supervision.

[Rule 4757-23-01](#) | Social work supervision.



[Ohio Professionals Health Program Website Updates](#)

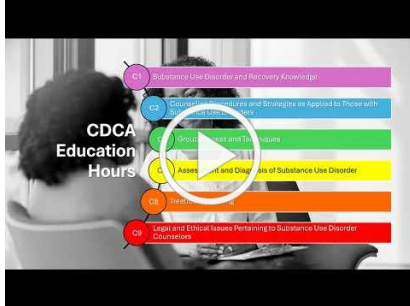
The CDP Board offers a confidential, non-disciplinary program through Ohio Professionals Health Program (OPHP). OPHP also serves as the boards' monitoring program for disciplinary violations imposed by consent agreements or adjudication orders. OPHP recently updated their website to include program fees and their services including a free online course offering CEUs later this year.



Take advantage of the early bird discount when you register for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Addiction Studies Institute (ASI) annual conference by May 16, 2025! The three-day conference offering both in-person and hybrid sessions begins on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

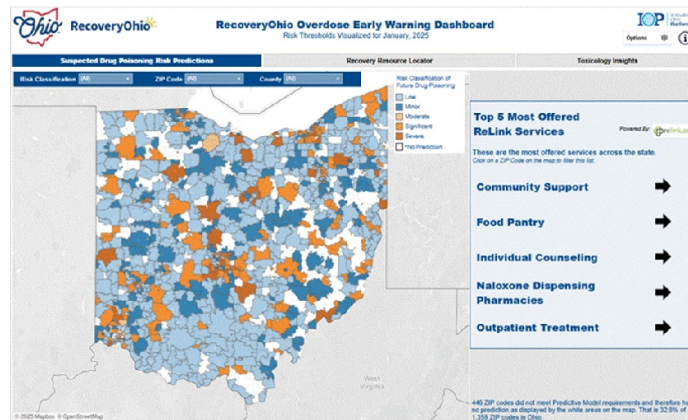
[!! Submissions Wanted !!](#)

If you would like to share your expertise, with colleagues from across the state. The All Ohio Counselors Conference (AOCC) is looking for presentation proposals for this year's AOCC to be held October 29 - 31 at the Embassy Suites Dublin. [Apply Now!](#)



RecoveryOhio's Overdose Early Warning Dashboard

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's RecoveryOhio Initiative has launched the Overdose Early Warning Dashboard, a first-of-its-kind tool designed to help communities predict and prevent drug overdoses. Historically, communities have only been able to react to overdose trends after fatalities increase. This dashboard shifts the focus to prevention, allowing public health officials to act before spikes occur. Additionally, the dashboard connects users to prevention resources through [ReLink.org](https://relink.org).



Prevention Continuing Education

If you hold an active Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC) or Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist (OCPS) you can earn 1.5 CEUs for every one hour presented for presenting a workshop or course focused on one of the prevention education content areas. Check out the rule on Prevention CEUs. [4758-13-02 \(A\) \(4\)](#)

Prevention Supervision

Starting July 12, 2025, supervision requirements for prevention professionals will be enforced. This is a reminder to view the scope of practice for all prevention certifications regarding supervision requirements depending on the scope of prevention work being performed by the particular prevention certification held.

Rule 4758-6-07 | Registered Applicants.

Rule 4758-6-08 | Ohio certified prevention specialist assistant (OCPSA).

Rule 4758-6-09 | Ohio certified prevention specialist (OCPS).

Rule 4758-6-10 | Ohio certified prevention consultant (OCPC).

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