

Certified Problem Gambling Counselor Training

Phase I October 9, 2008

Location:

ODMHSAS Training Center
2401 NW 23rd Street, Suite 1F

Phase II October 10, 2008

Shepherd Mall, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is offering gambling counselor training to assist counselors in obtaining National Gambling Counselor Certification through the National Council on Problem Gambling.

Purpose

Compulsive gambling is a progressive behavior disorder in which a person has a psychological uncontrollable preoccupation and urge to gamble. This results in excessive gambling, the outcome of which is the loss of time, money, families, careers, and lives. The gambling ultimately reaches the point where it disrupts and destroys the gambler's personal life, family relationships or vocational pursuits.

The Oklahoma Association of Problem and Compulsive Gambling (OAPCG)

The Oklahoma Association of Problem and Compulsive Gambling (OAPCG), Oklahoma's National Council on Problem Gambling affiliate, is facilitating the delivery of 30 hours of gambling specific training in Four Phases beginning with Phase I – **October 9, 2008**, Phase II – **October 10, 2008**. The National Problem Gambling Counselor Certification examination will be held immediately after Phase IV training, October 27, 2007. These 60 hours meet both the gambling specific core training requirements required by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Training will be conducted in Tulsa, OK. Specifics are detailed below.

National Council on Problem Gambling Counselor Certification Requirements

The National Council on Problem Gambling Counselor Certification is a specialty certification and does not take the place of a state license as a mental health professional such as a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor etc. Instead the NCGC credentials enhance Oklahoma's licensed mental health professionals and provide opportunities for broader exposure through the National Council on Problem Gambling's website and through recognition of this specialty certification nationwide.

The national certification is divided into two sub-sections based upon the applicant's competencies. (NCGC I or NCGC II). Certification requirements for NCGC I include: 30 hours of gambling specific training, 100 hours as a gambling counselor delivering direct treatment to problem/pathological gamblers and 4 hours of clinical supervision from an approved clinical consultant. In addition 300 contact hours of related training or education is required. The NCGC II certification requires 60 hours of gambling specific training, 300 related training contact hours, 2000 hours as a gambling counselor delivering direct treatment and 24 hours of gambling specific clinical supervision. For both NCGC I and II, the candidate must pass the National Exam. The OAPCG will sponsor the administration of the National Gambling Counselor Certification Exam on October 27, 2007.

For additional information on National Certification go to: <http://www.ncpgambling.org/counselor> or contact The Oklahoma Association on Problem & Compulsive Gambling, Inc. (OAPCG) at (918) 270-2788 or by writing OAPCG National Problem Gambling Counselor Certification, 7625 East 51st St, Suite 400, Tulsa, OK 74145.

State of Oklahoma Certification of Gambling Addiction Treatment Programs - Counselor Criteria

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) has built on the minimal counselor training, supervision and experiential standards defined by the National Council on Problem Gambling. The ODMHSAS has promulgated rules and standards for the Certification of Gambling Addiction Treatment Programs that were signed into law April 28, 2006. These standards require that gambling treatment professionals working in Certified Gambling Addiction Treatment Programs hold a current license as a mental health professional or as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. In addition to holding a current license, the gambling treatment professional should have:

- 1) Documented completion of 30 hours of ODMHSAS recognized core gambling training requirements
- 2) Documented completion of 12 hours of gambling specific continuing education hours every 12 months
- 3) Documented participation in ODMHSAS approved gambling specific clinical supervision

The possession of a current NCGC II Certification is deemed as having met the core training requirements and the clinical supervision requirements described above. However the NCGC II certification does not take the place of the required state license as a mental health professional or licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

Date and Location

Phase I October 9, 2008

Phase II October 10, 2008

Location: The training will be held at the ODMHSAS Training Center located at 2401 NW 23rd Street, Suite 1F, Shepherd Mall, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Go to the North end of the mall and enter through the north-end glass doors. You will see the elevator,

go to the second floor. Exiting the elevator you will go to your left, and half-way down the hallway you will see the Training Center on your right.

Registration - 7:30a.m. All classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credit hours have been approved for through the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers and the Licensed Professional Counselors Committee/LMFT. Participant evaluation forms must be submitted in order to receive continuing education credit and a certificate of attendance. CADC/LADC credit will also be provided.

How to Receive Your Certificate of Attendance

Certificates of attendance will be distributed at the end of the training.

Special Accommodations

Sign interpreters and/or other special accommodations required by disabled participants will be available upon advance request (please allow two week's notice). Please indicate on the registration form the type of special accommodations, if any, you require.

Seminar Fees

The cost for the full two-day training is \$150 if registration is postmarked on or before that date. Fees for late or on-site registrations are \$200. Please indicate on the registration form the trainings you will attend.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds will be granted.

Lodging

Participants must make their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms have been set aside for participants until October 2, 2008. Call the hotel listed below and ask for the special group rate for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Courtyard by Marriott Oklahoma City

1515 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
405/848-0808

Trainer

Joanna Franklin has been a certified addiction counselor for over twenty-five years and has been working with problem and pathological gamblers for over twenty years. Ms. Franklin was the first clinician hired by the Johns Hopkins Pathological Gambling Treatment Program in 1979, the first state funded gambling treatment program in the United States. As Senior Clinician she was responsible for assessments, family therapy, group and individual therapy with the pathological gamblers and their families. She is currently the Director of Network Development and Training for Trimeridian, Inc., the only national corporation treating pathological gamblers and their families in the U.S.

Ms. Franklin has also designed and conducted clinical training programs in over 42 states, ten Canadian Provinces, and in several European and South American Countries. As a presenter she has provided training programs for: Casino companies, racetracks, Lottery Commissions, Universities, Medical Schools, Corporations, over 29 different Native American Tribes, the FBI, the CIA, and the Pentagon.

Ms. Franklin is co-chair of the National Gambling Counselor Certification Committee, and has served as an officer and Board member of the National Council on Problem Gambling since 1982. Ms. Franklin has testified for the National Gambling Impact Commission on several occasions and for the National Research Council on the topics of gambling treatment and counselor certification.

She has authored several articles on Family Therapy with Pathological Gamblers and two book chapters on Family Therapy and Domestic Violence and Youth Gamblers. She has appeared on such programs as 60 Minutes, 20/20, CNN, MSNBC News, CBC-News, and has done interviews for many television, newspapers and magazines including: the Wall Street Journal, Time magazine, Sports Illustrated, the Los Angeles Times, and the New York Times.

Reminder: Attendance at each module is required for certification.

Registration	Fee	Late
<input type="checkbox"/> Phase I - October 9, 2008	\$75.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Phase II - October 10, 2008	\$75.00	\$125.00

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****Complete the form below and mail it (with payment) to:

**PROBLEM & COMPULSIVE GAMBLING CERTIFICATION
TRAINING. October 9-10, 2008**

Name _____

Home Phone Number _____

Occupation or Job Title _____

Place of Employment _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Check All That Apply:

- Check or money order for \$75 enclosed, payable to DMHSAS
- Paying with purchase order
- Will pay on-site or am registering after October 2, 2008, \$125
- Credit Card: Type of Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____

Expiration date: ____/____

Authorization Signature: _____

- Require special accommodations as follows:

Continuing Education Credit Requested:

- Physician Case Management
- Psychologist SW P-RSS CPS
- LPC LMFT
- LCSW CADC
- LADC Other _____