



**Office of Communications**

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## **Problem Gambling Clinical Training**

Problem gambling is a serious issue, resulting in considerable social and economic costs to gamblers, their families, employers, taxpayers, and multiple institutions. The negative impact of problem gambling could be minimized if this issue were adequately addressed. Training in the treatment and prevention of problem gambling is available, yet there are few specialists in this area. Because problem gambling often co-occurs with other addictions and dysfunctional behaviors, professionals interested in the treatment and prevention of drug and sexual addiction, suicide, and domestic violence may be best able to treat their clients by receiving training regarding problem gambling. Furthermore, those interested in specific populations that are at-risk of problem gambling may also benefit from this training. Specifically, professionals working with youth, minorities, and offending populations should consider increasing their ability to detect, treat, and prevent this problem.

Georgia's Department of Behavioral Health offered clinical training in the treatment of pathological gambling in 2009-2010. Similar training events may be offered in the future. Please stay up to date on clinical training being offered by accessing their website at <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov>

Please note that many training programs and certification requirements are in development and often change. Therefore, current training options, requirements, fees, and specifics of the trainings should be assessed before committing to any program. The information provided below was assessed at one point in time and may no longer be accurate.

### **National Gambling Counselor Certification**

- The National Gambling Counselor Certification Board offers the following designations:
  - National Certified Gambling Counselor I
  - National Certified Gambling Counselor II
- Detail of requirements for these certifications can be found by following this link:  
[http://ncpgambling.i4a.com/files/public/Cert\\_pack\\_06.pdf](http://ncpgambling.i4a.com/files/public/Cert_pack_06.pdf)

**\*There are currently no Nationally Certified Gambling Counselors in the State of Georgia**

### **National American Training Institute (NATI)**

- On-line certification or licensure as a gambling counseling specialist
- Most certifying and licensing entities, state agencies and other regulating bodies are now requiring 30 to 60 hours of gambling specific coursework to meet their eligibility requirements for treating gambling addicted clients and reimbursement. This course meets or exceeds this requirement
- If you need 30 hours, they recommend taking Counseling the Pathological Gambler I
  - 30 hour duration; The time limit to compete this course is 3 months from your receipt of login information (an average of 2.5 hours per week for 12 weeks). Cost = \$450\*\*\*
- If you need 60 hours, take Counseling the Pathological Gambler I and II: Cost = \$900\*\*\*
- Many other problem gambling related courses are available. Contact: <http://www.nati.org/oll>

\*\*\*Discount prices are available for military personnel, members of the American Psychological Association, and members of the American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders. Call 888.989.9234 to inquire about these discounts.



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## **New York Council on Problem Gambling**

- On-line certification training, applicable towards CASAC and re-credentialing credits
- 60 hour duration over a 6-week time period; \$5 per credit hour
- Focuses on treatment; Core curriculum includes: Knowledge & Education of Problem Gambling, Screening and Assessment of those Adversely Affected by Problem Gambling; Policy & Social Impact; Special Populations; Co-morbidity & Problem Gambling; Specialized Treatment Planning; Clinical Treatment with Problem Gambler; Clinical Treatment with the Family Members of Problem Gamblers
- Contact: [http://www.nyproblemgambling.org/NYCPG\\_60\\_Hour\\_Online\\_Training.htm](http://www.nyproblemgambling.org/NYCPG_60_Hour_Online_Training.htm)

## **Gambling Courses for Continuing Education Credit**

### **Addictions Care Center**

- Offers 60 hour curriculum on-line for Treatment professionals~Cost = \$810
- Offers 30 hour curriculum on-line for Prevention professionals~Cost = \$405
- For further information follow this link: <http://www.albanycitizenscouncil.org/gambling.htm>

### **American Society on Aging [ASA]**

- Offers a one hour on-line course “You bet your life savings: Problem gambling and older adults”
- Provides an overview of problem gambling, specifics related to gambling among older adults, and information regarding the assessment and treatment of problem gamblers
- Viewing seminars over the internet “on demand” is free (this course is currently available). However, if you wish to receive continuing education credit:
  - Non-ASA members: \$15 per credit hour; ASA members: \$5 per credit hour
- Further information: <http://www.asaging.org/webseminars/websem.cfm?EventID=16228>
- Contact: Special Project Coordinator, Katherine Aguas-Aclan 415-974-9627; [katherinea@asaging.org](mailto:katherinea@asaging.org)

### **Athealth.com**

- Offers 2 courses on-line: “Pathological Gambling and Alcohol Use Disorder” and “Pathological gambling: Assessment and Treatment”. Each course provides 1 hour of CEU credit and costs \$12
- For further information follow this link: <http://www.athealthce.com>

### **Breining Institute**

- Offers an on-line course on compulsive gambling; Cost = \$29\*\*\*, 3 hours of credit
- Further information is available by following this link:  
<https://commerce.nobleimage.com/addictionspecialists/ce2.php>

\*\*\* Discounts are available for certified RAS and for selected agencies

### **Contemporary teaching: On-line Courses**

- Offers an on-line course on compulsive gambling; Cost = \$35, 3 hours of credit
- Further information is available by following this link:  
<http://www.contemporaryteaching.com/members.htm>

### **Health Care Training Institute**

- Offers 2 courses “Pathological Gambling: Interventions for the Family” and “Pathological Gambling: Diagnosis and Treatment”; Cost each = \$65, 6 hours of credit per course
- Further information is available by following this link: <http://www.homestudycrredit.com/#Gambling>

For more information visit the GSU Problem Gambling Research and Intervention Project web site:

[www.GeorgiaGamblingHelp.org](http://www.GeorgiaGamblingHelp.org)



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This site offers resources related to problem gambling prevention and treatment. For additional help or technical assistance contact Jennifer Zorland at [psylz@langate.gsu.edu](mailto:psylz@langate.gsu.edu)