Section 1 Header

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***[bill number]***

AN ACT relative to qualifications for licensure as a LADC, or licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

SPONSORS: [sponsors]

COMMITTEE: [committee]

ANALYSIS

This bill expands qualifications for initial licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor (LADC). The bill permits an individual who is credentialed as an internationally certified alcohol and drug counselor and who has supervised work experience to qualify for LADC licensure.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to qualifications for licensure as a LADC, or licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor; Initial License. Amend RSA 330-C:17 to read as follows:

330-C:17 Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor; Initial License. An applicant for initial LADC licensure shall:

I.(a) Have graduated with an associate's degree in substance use counseling, addiction studies, or equivalent program, obtained 300 hours of alcohol and drug use education within the degree-granting program or separately, completed 6,000 hours of supervised work experience, and completed 300 hours of supervised practical training within the degree-granting program, as part of the supervised work experience or separately; [~~or~~]

(b) Have graduated with a bachelor's degree in a clinical mental health, social work, psychology, substance use counseling, addiction studies, human services discipline, or equivalent program from an accredited college or university, obtained 300 hours of alcohol and drug use education within the degree-granting program or separately, completed 4,000 hours of supervised work experience, and completed 300 hours of supervised practical training within the degree-granting program, as part of the supervised work experience or separately[~~.~~]***; or***

(c) Hold a credential as an internationally certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor and demonstrate completion of 6,000 hours of supervised work experience.

II. Pass testing procedures of a nationally recognized credentialing entity specified by the board. Such procedures shall be based on the core functions and practice dimensions of addiction counseling***, except that the board may not require an applicant for licensure pursuant to subparagraph I(c) to satisfy any higher education requirement***.

III. Meet other criteria as established by the board.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.