



National Association of Forensic Counselors

*Honesty ~ Competency ~ Integrity*

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**TEST-EXEMPT GRANDFATHERING PERIOD NOW OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 30, 2017.**

*Test-exempt Grandfathering now open through October 30, 2017 for:*

CERTIFIED FORENSIC COUNSELOR (CFC)

CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPECIALIST (CCJS)

CERTIFIED SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT SPECIALIST (CSOTS)

CERTIFIED COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIST (CCBT)

CERTIFIED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT SPECIALIST (CJSOTS)

CERTIFIED JUVENILE TREATMENT SPECIALIST (CJTS)

THE FIRST CERTIFICATION BOARD TO DEVELOP STANDARDS AND ESTABLISH THE SPECIALTY PROFESSIONS OF THE  
FORENSIC COUNSELOR AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPECIALIST



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Dedicated to promoting competency, training, and improved communication between the clinician and the criminal justice system.

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# A Few Facts About the National Association of Forensic Counselors (NAFC)



**The NAFC was Founded to Identify** a competent workforce to counsel, treat, evaluate, supervise and manage criminal offenders in the areas of addictions, criminal justice, mental health and corrections.



**The NAFC is the Originator** of the Forensic Counselor profession, and established the titles of and definitions for "FORENSIC COUNSELOR" and "CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPECIALIST"



**The NAFC established the Very First** valid certification programs for the Forensic Counselor and Criminal Justice Specialist professions.



**The NAFC is the First and Largest** national multi-disciplinary credentialing board serving the Forensic Counselor and Criminal Justice Specialist.

Visit  
**[www.ForensicCounselor.org](http://www.ForensicCounselor.org)**  
or more information about the NAFC, Certifications Offered, Articles, Assessment Tools and Instruments, and more...  
Or contact us to receive an Informational Folder at  
**260-426-7234** or **[NAFC@ForensicCounselor.org](mailto:NAFC@ForensicCounselor.org)**

## What is certification and why is it important?


Certification is a formal process which validates, based on predetermined standards, an individual's qualifications and knowledge to practice in a defined area. The NAFC certification programs are designed to establish the body of knowledge, experience and education that promotes effective delivery of counseling, evaluation, examination, supervision and forensic services to clients, attorneys and the civil/criminal justice system.

Certification creates an identifiable workforce from which the criminal justice system can refer and offers the opportunity to gain recognition from other professionals, court systems, probation/parole departments, corrections, law enforcement and the public for your achievement as a knowledgeable, competent professional in the field of forensic counseling, evaluation, supervision, etc.

Certification can mean a broader range of job opportunities, provide job mobility, and marketability of your skills. Many companies, agencies, courts, etc., may even pay for your certification, training, and renewal fees.



NAFC 2017 ANNUAL **Las Vegas**  
*Educational & Networking Conference!*

**OCTOBER 2-4** at the Fabulous 

## THE NAFC OFFERS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN:

- Criminal Justice
- Mental Health
- Addictions
- Corrections

### INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Private Practice
- Probation/Parole
- Victim's Services
- Psychiatric Hospitals
- Managed Care Facilities
- Government
- Mental Health and Addictions Programs
- Social Services
- Outreach Programs
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Crisis Intervention Programs
- Community Programs
- Sex Offender and General Offender Programs
- Adult/Juvenile Correctional Facilities
- Public Welfare Agencies
- Military and Veteran's Administration
- Universities/Educational Programs



## A FEW BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- May increase referrals
- Certificate suitable for framing and wallet card
- Access to apply for low cost HPSO malpractice insurance
- Reduced fees for Annual Conferences and training events
- Professional identification to your peers, court systems, probation/parole departments, the public, and other referral sources
- Quarterly online Official Publication of the NAFC, "*The Forensic Therapist*" (hard copy available by request at no cost)

**Apply for Certification through Test-exempt Grandfathering for a Limited Time Period. If you apply during the Grandfathering period, you will not be required to sit for the certification examination.**

### **Certified Forensic Counselor (CFC)**

For state licensed mental/behavioral health and addictions professionals working with adult and/or juvenile criminal offenders.

### **Certified Criminal Justice Specialist (CCJS)**

For professionals working in criminal justice, law enforcement, corrections, and law, as well as for licensed mental/behavioral health and addictions professionals working with adult and/or juvenile criminal offenders.

### **Certified Sex Offender Treatment Specialist (CSOTS)**

For professionals working with adult and/or juvenile sex offenders.

### **Certified Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Specialist (CJSOTS)**

For professionals working exclusively with juvenile sex offenders.

### **Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist (CCBT)**

For licensed mental/behavioral health and addictions professionals working with adult and/or juvenile offenders, trained in and practicing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Must show verifiable documentation of forty (40) hours of CBT training.

### **Certified Juvenile Treatment Specialist (CJTS)**

For professionals working with juvenile offenders.

### Requirements for the NON-CLINICAL levels of CFC, CCJS, CSOTS, CJSOTS, CJTS through Test-exempt Grandfathering:

- Hold a Bachelors degree or higher;
- State licensed, active and in good standing, in your profession, i.e., psychology, social work, marriage & family therapy, mental health counselor, professional counselor, addictions, etc., UNLESS special exemption applies, i.e., through legislation/regulations, you are a state or federal employee, no licensure exists in your state of practice, etc.;
- No ethical violations, reprimands, or other sanctions against your state license and/or certification;
- Must not have previously held an NAFC certification that has been suspended or revoked;
- 180 hours of formal training applicable to the certification for which you are applying;
- Minimum of 2 years (or 4000 hrs) of supervised experience applicable to the certification for which you are applying\*;
- No misdemeanor or felony arrests for violent or sexual offenses, or any other felony;
- Must complete the certification application in its entirety, to include all requested information.

### Requirements for the CLINICAL levels of the CFC, CCJS, CSOTS, CJSOTS, CJTS through test-exempt Grandfathering:

- Hold a Masters degree or higher;
- State licensed, active and in good standing, in your profession, i.e., psychology, social work, marriage & family therapy, mental health counselor, professional counselor, addictions, etc., UNLESS special exemption applies, i.e., through legislation/regulations, you are a state or federal employee, no licensure exists in your state of practice, etc.;
- No ethical violations, reprimands, or other sanctions against your state license and/or certification;
- Must not have previously held an NAFC certification that has been suspended or revoked;
- 270 hours of formal training applicable to the certification for which you are applying;
- Minimum of 3 years (or 6000 hrs) of supervised experience applicable to the certification for which you are applying\*;
- No misdemeanor or felony arrests for violent or sexual offenses, or any other felony;
- Must complete the certification application in its entirety, to include all requested information.

\* applicants that do not fully meet this requirement may apply for the "In-Service" designation until such time when verifiable proof of meeting all requirements is submitted to the NAFC.

- Annual renewal fee: \$125.00 per certification.



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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC COUNSELORS

### Certification Test-exempt Grandfathering Application

Special commendation exempts the applicant from taking the certification examination. Applicants are not exempt from meeting all other requirements for NAFC certification.

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#### I am applying for test-exempt Grandfathering for the following certification(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Forensic Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinically Certified Forensic Counselor
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Criminal Justice Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinically Certified Criminal Justice Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Sex Offender Treatment Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinically Certified Sex Offender Treatment Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinically Certified Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Juvenile Treatment Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinically Certified Juvenile Treatment Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist (must show verifiable documentation of CBT training.)	

**Application and first year certification fee: \$245.00 per certification.** Includes application fee, processing, and first year certification fee. If your application is denied, you will be refunded the fee, less a \$40.00 application fee. (*Annual renewal fee: \$125.00*). **You may mail, FAX, or e-mail your application.**

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<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	
<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP</i>
<i>Primary Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone (required)</i>	<i>E-mail (required)</i>	

I ATTEST THAT I MEET THE FORMAL TRAINING HOURS REQUIREMENT, AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS, APPLICABLE TO THE **NAFC** CERTIFICATION FOR WHICH I AM APPLYING AS SET FORTH BY THE **NAFC**, AND WILL PROVIDE VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTATION OF FORMAL TRAINING HOURS UPON REQUEST.

I attest that my state of practice does not require that I hold professional licensure to practice, or that no licensure exists for my profession.

I am state licensed in my profession:

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_

No  Yes - I am currently an NAFC Member. If yes: NAFC Cert No.: \_\_\_\_\_

No  Yes - Have you ever had any professional state license or certification suspended, revoked, or otherwise sanctioned?

#### **ATTACH A COPY OF ALL THE FOLLOWING TO THIS APPLICATION:**

- Highest degree earned or transcripts;
- Professional state license(s);
- Names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three (3) references (one must be from your current, immediate supervisor, or clinical level colleague if in private practice);
- CV or Resume;
- Application and First Year Certification Fee (*must accompany application*): \$245.00 per certification

#### **If paying by Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover Only - No AMEX):**

Credit Card Number	Exp. Date.	CVV Code	Amount to Charge	Signature
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I attest that I am the applicant named in this application, that I have read and completed the contents thereof, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, all answers and statements are true and correct. I hereby authorize all persons listed as references in this application to release any information pertinent to my application. I further agree to hold the National Association of Forensic Counselors (NAFC) and its Certification Commission, board members, officers, agents, staff and examiners free from any civil liability for damages or complaints by reason of any action that is within the scope and arising out of the performance of their duties which they may take in connection with this application and/or the failure of the NAFC to issue me said certification and/or certificate. I attest that I have read and fully understand Candidate Handbook, NAFC Ethical Standards and Code of Conduct, the complete Application Attestation, Term of NAFC Logo Use, Policy and Procedure Manual, Renewal and Reinstatement information, and all other Terms of Membership found on the NAFC website at [www.ForensicCounselor.org](http://www.ForensicCounselor.org) and agree to abide by all.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_