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Advanced Credential for the RAS Professional

MASTERS LEVEL – REGISTERED ADDICTION SPECIALIST (M-RAS)

Breining Institute is a private college and nationally-accredited certification institution, and has been dedicated to higher education, training, testing and certification for addiction professionals since 1986.

Breining Institute’s Registered Addiction Specialist (RAS) Credential is nationally-accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

The Masters Level – RAS Credential is available to existing and new RAS professionals when they meet the standards and document their eligibility. **There are no additional fees to add the Masters Level designation to your RAS Credential.**

ELIGIBILITY OPTIONS

OPTION 1

Masters or Doctorate degree in the healing arts or related field; AND
450 hours formal education in alcohol and drug abuse (AOD) studies
(which may be included in or obtained separately from the degree program); AND
Three years full time or 6,000 hours clinical experience in AOD counseling.

OPTION 2

Associate or Bachelors degree in the healing arts or related field; AND
450 hours formal education in alcohol and drug abuse (AOD) studies
(which may be included in or obtained separately from the degree program); AND
Five years full time or 10,000 hours clinical experience in AOD counseling.

ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE for CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

Experience teaching a course or courses within an AOD program –
Ten hours of Clinical Experience credited for each One hour of class taught

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

One reference from a supervisor of your work, or from a colleague in the same field; AND
Two references from professionals in the field of addictions who know of your work

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT

Must receive a passing score on the multiple-choice RAS exam, which is administered
five-days-a-week at over 140 test centers located throughout the United States
(already certified RAS do not need to re-take the examination)

The Registered Addiction Specialist (RAS) credential and Breining Institute are
Nationally Accredited



by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Registered Addiction Specialists are located in 14 countries and 40 US states

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Required courses to be included in 450-hour formal AOD Studies program

The 450-hour formal education courses in an alcohol and other drug (AOD) studies program may be obtained from any State-approved or regionally-accredited institution of higher learning. They should include instruction in either the "TAP 21 Counselor Competencies" or "The Twelve Core Functions" of an addiction counselor (most alcohol and drug studies programs will include one or both of these within its curriculum). Here are the subjects that should be included in the formal education program that you have completed:

Subjects

Understanding Addiction

Treatment Knowledge (including **Communicable Diseases**)

Application to Practice (including **Special Populations**)

Professional Readiness

Ethics

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

The Formal Education subjects and what they should include are explained below

Understanding Addiction – includes understanding theories of addiction, recognizing social and cultural factors within which addiction exists, behavioral and physical effects of psychoactive substances, and recognition of potential for substance abuse disorders to co-exist with other medical and psychological disorders.

Treatment Knowledge – includes philosophies and practices of generally accepted models of treatment, recovery, relapse prevention and continuing care for addiction, the importance of family and community systems in the treatment and recovery process, recognizing the importance of ongoing study in clinical practice, and understanding of multidisciplinary, non-traditional or various approaches to addiction treatment. **Communicable Diseases** includes tuberculosis, HIV disease and Hepatitis C.

Application to Practice – includes understanding diagnostic criteria for addiction treatment and placement, providing the appropriate treatment in consideration of a client's personal and cultural background situation, and familiarity with the acceptable range of medical and pharmacological resources available for treatment. **Special Populations** includes aging individuals; individuals with co-occurring disorders (e.g., alcoholism and mental illness); individuals with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) individuals with disabilities; diverse populations; individuals with cultural differences; individuals on probation/parole, etc.

Professional Readiness – includes personal and professional growth, understanding supervision in the delivery of client services, professional obligation to adhere to ethical standards, understanding of and participation in prevention as well as treatment programs, and understanding of procedures for handling crisis or dangerous situations.



APPLICATION for the

MASTERS LEVEL – REGISTERED ADDICTION SPECIALIST (M-RAS)

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SECTION 1. Please type or print all of your information clearly. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

[Grid for First Name]

First Name

[Grid for Middle Name]

Middle Name

[Grid for Last Name]

Last Name

[Grid for Address]

Address (Number, Street, Apartment or Suite Number)

[Grid for City]

City

[Grid for State]

State (or Province)

[Grid for USA Zip Code]

USA Zip Code

[Grid for Country Code]

Country Code

[Grid for Country]

Country (other than USA)

[Grid for Primary Telephone Number]

Primary Telephone Number (including Area Code)

[Grid for Secondary Telephone Number]

Secondary Telephone Number (including Area Code)

[Grid for Pager Number]

Pager Number (including Area Code)

[Grid for Facsimile Number]

Facsimile Number (including Area Code)

[Grid for E-mail Address]

E-mail Address

[Grid for Web Site Address]

Web Site Address

SECTION 2. This information is for verification purposes. Please print your information clearly.

[Grid for Social Security Number]

Social Security Number (last 4 numbers only)

[Grid for Date of Birth]

Date of Birth (Month-Day-Year)

[Grid for Gender]

Male Female

SECTION 3. PAYMENT INFORMATION.

- The Application / Registration fee is \$150. There is NO APPLICATION FEE if you are already an RAS or RAS Intern (RASi).
- The RAS exam fee is \$150. If you already have the full RAS Credential, then you will not need to re-take the RAS examination.

Credit Card Payment Information (if paying by credit card): Circle type of card: **VISA** or **MasterCard**

[Grid for Credit Card Number]

Credit Card Number

[Grid for Expiration Date]

Expiration Date

[Grid for Full Name on Credit Card]

Full Name on Credit Card

Breining Institute is authorized to charge the following, not to exceed \$300.00, to this card. Total authorized: \$ [Grid] .00

Identify how much you would like charged to your credit card.

Authorized Credit Card Signature

Date

SECTION 9. CODE OF ETHICS

You are required to maintain compliance with the Code of Ethics for RAS Professionals. Sign this Code of Ethics at the space provided below.



REGISTERED ADDICTION SPECIALIST

CODE OF ETHICS

As a Registered Addiction Specialist, I will comply with this Code of Ethics and do affirm:

- That my primary goal is recovery for the client and the client's family.
- That I have a total commitment to provide the highest quality of care to those who seek my professional services. That I shall not provide services beyond the terms and conditions of my professional certifications and/or licenses.
- That I shall evidence a genuine interest in all my clients, and do hereby dedicate myself to the best interest of my clients and to help them help themselves.
- That I shall maintain at all times an objective, professional relationship with all of my clients. I shall not engage in social or business relationships with my clients for my personal gain.
- That I shall be willing to recognize when it is in the best interests of my clients to release and refer them to another program or another helping individual.
- That I shall adhere to the Rule of Confidentiality with regard to all records, material and knowledge concerning my client, and shall protect his/her rights to confidentiality in accord with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42 sections 2.1 through 2.67(1) and any other applicable regulations.
- That I shall cooperate with complaint investigation and supply information requested during such complaint investigations, subject to the confidentiality provisions cited above.
- That I shall not in any way discriminate between clients or fellow professionals on the basis of race, religion, age, gender, disability, national ancestry, sexual orientation or economic condition.
- That I shall respect the rights and views of my fellow Registered Addiction Specialists and other professionals. I will not verbally, physically or sexually harass, threaten, or abuse any program participant, patient, client or fellow addiction professional.
- That I shall maintain respect for institutional policies and management within agencies, and will take the initiative toward improvement of such policies and management when it will better serve the interests of my clients.
- That I have a continuing commitment to assess my own personal strengths, limitations, biases and effectiveness.
- That I shall continuously strive for self-improvement and professional growth through further education and training.
- That I have an individual responsibility for my own conduct in all areas, including, but not limited to, the use of mood-altering drugs. I shall not provide counseling or education services while under the influence of any amount of alcohol or illicit drugs (not including drugs or medication prescribed by a physician or other person authorized to prescribe drugs, used in the dosage and frequency prescribed; nor including over-the-counter medications used in the dosage and frequency described on the box, bottle or package insert).
- That I have an individual responsibility for myself in regard to sexual conduct and/or contact with clients, and shall not engage in sexual conduct with current program participants, patients or clients.
- These things I pledge to my professional peers and to my client.
- I hereby pledge to comply with this Code of Ethics, as well as to comply with a consistent code of conduct that may be applicable to a recovery or treatment program with which I may be affiliated.

Printed name of RAS

Signature

Date

SECTION 10. PHOTOGRAPH

Include a recent photograph of yourself. This photo will be used by Breining Institute to identify you and will be included on your RAS Profile page at www.addiction-specialists.com, and will be available for viewing on the web site. Write your full name on the back of the photo, which may be any size between 1" x 2" and 8" x 10". We will keep your photo in your file, and it will not be returned.

SECTION 11. PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Have you had a prior certification or licensure as an alcohol or drug counselor revoked? YES NO
If yes, please explain: _____

SECTION 12. FEES AND DOCUMENTATION . Please check all that are applicable to your Application:

Eligibility Options

- OPTION 1:** Masters or Doctorate degree, and 6,000 hours (three years) clinical experience.
- OPTION 2:** Associate or Bachelors degree, and 10,000 hours (five years) clinical experience.

Currently certified RAS or registered RASi?

- I am already a fully-credentialed RAS. My RAS number is:.....

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- I have already applied / registered. My RASi number is:.....**RI-**

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- I am NOT already certified as an RAS or registered as an RAS Intern.

Fees

- Application / Registration Fee.** Not applicable if already an RAS or RAS Intern (RASi).....\$ 150.00
- Examination Fee.** Includes study guide, DVD Tutorial, and examination. (Not applicable if already an RAS.).....\$ 150.00

Total fees included with this Application:\$

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Other Documentation

- Documentation of 450-hour Formal Education (certificate of completion or transcripts).
- Documentation of Degree (official transcripts).
- Clinical Experience documentation: Use one "Section 6" page for each employer or volunteer agency.
- Clinical Experience Substitute documentation, if applicable: Use one "Section 7" page for each educational institution.
- Three Professional References: Use one "Section 8" page for each reference. Be sure to include one supervisor and two other references.
- Signed Code of Ethics: Sign and date the Code of Ethics located at the "Section 9" page.
- Current photograph, with your full name written on back.

ATTESTATION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The undersigned Applicant declares that the information provided in the Application and within the supporting documentation is true and authentic. The Applicant understands that if at any time it is shown that the information or documentation provided is not true or is misrepresented, any fees which have been paid will be forfeited by Applicant, and certification as an RAS may be revoked.

Signature _____
Date

Pay by credit card (at Section 3) or make check payable to:
BREINING INSTITUTE

Return this completed Application, supporting Documentation and Fees to:

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The Registered Addiction Specialist credential is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The "Registered Addiction Specialist" and "RAS" designations are registered service marks – Reg. No. 051081 Class No. Int. 41 – which may only be used by professionals who meet the qualifications and who have obtained RAS certification from Breining Institute. The REGISTER of Addiction Specialists is maintained by Breining Institute – College for the Advanced Study of Addictive Disorders.