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Addiction certification program begins 10th year in Las Vegas.

The American College of Addictionology and Compulsive Disorders (ACACD) enters its tenth year of offering board certification in addictions and compulsive disorders to chiropractors and other health care professionals.

The C.Ad. (Certified Addictionologist) credential has been earned by approximately 1000 D.C.s, and has been an overwhelming success in positioning chiropractors and other professionals with board certification to be primary intervention resources for our country's number one cause of death and crime.

This disease affects more than 50 million people and chiropractic has been proven effective in randomized placebo-controlled clinical trial. That means the C.Ad. Program has become a necessity for principled, subluxation-based doctors of chiropractic who want to make a bigger difference in their communities.

Newly published scientific research has established the effectiveness of subluxation centered chiropractic care and the appropriateness of the well-care model, and/or the "lack of" date of wellbeing now referred to as "Reward Deficiency Syndrome" (RDS).

In November 2000, the Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, a prestigious medical journal, published the first scientific model of the subluxation in state of well-being (RDS). Another journal - rated second in the world in neurosciences - is scheduled to publish the outcomes of direct subluxation correction (Torque Release Technique) in the addicted person, this month.

Since chiropractic provides drug-free health care, eliminating risk to the addict, the chiropractor remains this nation's greatest primary intervention resource for America's leading health care concern. For effective recovery, treatment, and aftercare, addicts require lifetime, drug-free intervention. The resources medicine has to offer (i.e., pharmacological intervention), often place the addict at risk of relapse.

This training program brings principled, subluxation-based chiropractic full circle since B.J. Palmer himself talked and wrote of the effectiveness of chiropractic in aiding the addicted person.

Some of the benefits to chiropractors include the expansion of their practices into this new and exciting field. Insurance reimbursement for certain services offered by the Board Certified Addictionologist may be available even in cases that would not normally be reimbursable for chiropractic or getting on HMOs when slots for D.C.s are full.

The program also satisfies the requirement for advanced certifications for D.C.s participating in managed care programs. "There are dozens of practical opportunities for the chiropractor that are taught throughout the program," stated Dr. Jay Holder, president of ACACD. "This is not just another post-graduate program that offers you nothing that you could have done in practice anyway. With my own private chiropractic practice included in federally funded research, I can only conclude that any D.C. could do the same if they only knew how."

The training program is presently being offered on a one-weekend-a-month basis. Thanks to the nine-member faculty, all 10 modules are independent of each other, allowing the participant to take the modules out of order, and/or start at any module weekend. Participants also are not restricted to any single location. Therefore, the program can be completed in 10 months.

The program is cosponsored by two colleges: Graceland University of Independence, Mo., and St. Martin's College of Milwaukee, as well as two national organizations. The largest nursing school in North America is at Graceland's Medical Campus.

Chiropractic renewal approved for in Nevada and now many other states. The board certification program offered by the ACACD is approved/certified by the State of New York, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and the Certification Board of Addiction Professionals of Florida (CBAPF), which are State Member Boards of the International Certification & reciprocity Consortium (ICRC).

The ICRC provides reciprocity services to approximately 42 states in the United States, Canada, seven other countries, all branches of the U.S. military, and Indian Health Services.

Until now, the use of the title Addictionologist was limited to physicians only, thereby defining "Addictionologist" as physician-level board certification. This certification and credential is now being offered to the chiropractic profession.

According to ACACD Program Coordinator, Michael Davis, D.C. C.Ad. "Addiction is a multifactorial disease having psychological, genetic, metabolic and spiritual components. The most significant mechanism of this disease process is manifest through neurophysiological insult within the dorsal horn of the spinal cord as expressed in the "Brain Reward Cascade Model", which aligns itself with the known causes of the of the vertebral subluxation."

After a century of helping people with their health problems without drugs or surgery, the chiropractic profession now has a program designed to teach themselves and other health care professionals how to get people addicted to drugs off the habit and deal with the compulsive disorders like ADHD, our nation's leading pediatric complaint, eating disorders and other RDS issues.

The World Chiropractic Alliance's Council on Addictions and Compulsive Disorders operates under the aegis of the ACACD and is open to all WCA members.

"The ACACD program, now in its 10th year, promises to be exciting, practical and informative," says Dr. Holder. It is open to all healthcare providers.

To obtain a copy of the research and/or a brochure outlining the Certification Program, contact the ACACD at 800-490-7714 or 305-535-8803