

College Name: _____ Faculty Name: _____ Email: _____

Thank you for being a CAADE-accredited program. AB 2473, which was passed in 2022, was finally incorporated into regulations through a Behavioral Health Information Notice on August 6, 2025. Before this, CAADE had no official guidance on how to advise on meeting these requirements, especially since they changed multiple times and remained uncertain until the final months.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will offer a free, on-demand course now scheduled through the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Extension. For the past two years, CAADE has been adamant that education be satisfied through accredited academic institutions. We have repeatedly advised them and others that the course materials they plan to develop would not be considered college-level and, therefore, would not be transferable. Additionally, the material would not align with existing program courses to be accepted toward a COA or other degree if ever made transferable. For these reasons, we have consistently stated that CAADE would only allow counselors to meet the Registered Addiction Counselor (RAC) requirements through a CAADE-accredited college. Therefore, counselors need to fulfill these requirements through their respective programs. We hope these efforts will help boost your enrollment numbers. We will also develop strategies to attract more potential students to your program.

Aside from electronic health records, all other topics were already included in our accreditation manual and Course-Identification (C-ID) course descriptors. The challenge with AB 2473 is that these topics must be covered within a single semester. They are not expected to be explored in detail but introduced at a basic level to raise awareness. Common course pairings we've seen include combinations of Introductory courses, Case Management, Law and Ethics, or Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery. You are free to design and implement this in a way that best suits your program's structure and needs.

Below, you will find a matrix grid to input information on where your program covers topics specified with AB2473. We request that you fill out the form completely for all courses, marking any course you do not offer with "N/A" next to the course title. Please leave non-applicable spaces in the grid blank. Use the following scoring system to mark appropriate spaces.

- A = the topic is covered as a primary component/focus of the course and covered with multiple SLOs and course assignments.
- B = the topic is covered at an introductory level, it is reflected as an SLO and attached to a course assignment.
- C = the topic is covered at an introductory level, reflected as a lecture topic in the course outline, but is not reflected as an SLO attached to a course assignment.
- R = the topic is being revisited after being covered in depth in other courses

For each course pairing you identify for AB2473 compliance, please submit the COR along with the course syllabi. If the Course Outline of Record (COR) demonstrating AB 2473 compliance has not yet been approved by your curriculum committee, submit the COR as it will be presented for their approval.

AB 2473 Core Competency / ADS Course Matrix

Please identify alignment with the following system: A = <i>primary component / focus</i> of the course and covered with multiple SLOs and course assignments. B = covered at an <i>introductory level</i> and it reflected as an SLO and attached to a course assignment. C = covered at an <i>introductory level</i> , reflected as a lecture topic in course outline, but is <u>not reflected</u> as an SLO attached to a course assignment. R = the topic is being revisited after covered in depth in other courses	DSM	ASAM	MAT	Cultural Competence	Documentation	EHR	Case Management	COD	Confidentiality	Boundaries	Law and Ethics	Behavioral Health Delivery
Introduction to Addiction Studies												
Prevention, Intervention, Treatment & Recovery												
Pharmacology												
Co-Occurring												
Law and Ethics												
Group												
Family												
Individual Counseling												
Case Management												
Diverse Population												
Practicum												
Other 1:												
Other 2:												
Other 3:												
Other 4:												

At a minimum, counselors will need to provide evidence of at least 80 hours of education towards at an awareness level for each of the above “core competencies”, within six months of initial registration, and that will count towards their certification education. CAADE/ACCBC will confirm enrollment in / advise those seeking registration of the required courses at your institution. Using ideally two courses (but no more than three), which course pairings should students at your institution enroll and complete?

Course 1: _____ Semester(s) offered: _____
 Course 2: _____ Semester(s) offered: _____
 Course 3: _____ Semester(s) offered: _____

Please attach syllabi and COR for each course to this application.

Alternate Paths

Some colleges plan to offer their AB 2473 compliant courses four semesters a year. We know that some programs may not have that ability. Will your program have an alternate AB 2473 course pairings? Yes / No

Course 1: _____ Semester(s) offered: _____
Course 2: _____ Semester(s) offered: _____
Course 3: _____ Semester(s) offered: _____

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If a student meets the requirements of AB2473 at another community college with their approved courses, will your program accept them for transfer credit if their courses align with C-ID course descriptors? Yes / No (please explain any limitations, conditions, or concerns)

DHCS will provide a free, on-demand 80-hour “core competency” education course from UCSD Extension. CAADE will not accept this course but will leave it to academic programs to decide whether they can incorporate it and choose to do so. (We do not expect that you will accept this course. If you have a way to make it work for you, please share that with us.)

- Will your program accept this course as transfer credit? Yes / No
- If you will accept these materials as transfer credit, which course(s) of your certificate will they apply to? _____

Additional Certification Requirements

Current counselor regulations require certified counselors to receive training in sexual harassment prevention and communicable diseases (specifically HIV, Hep C, and TB). Where does your program address these topics? (Please use “N/A” if not covered)

Sexual harassment prevention. Course name (often covered in Law and Ethics) _____

- Is this clearly reflected on syllabus? Yes / No
- Is this clearly reflected on COR? Yes / No
- Is there an attached assignment to demonstrate topic mastery? Yes / No

HIV, Hep C, and TB. Course name (often covered in Pharmacology) _____

- Is this clearly reflected in the syllabus? Yes / No
- Is this clearly reflected on COR? Yes / No
- Is there an attached assignment to demonstrate topic mastery? Yes / No

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