



Addiction Intervention Strategies Certification Program

A new program initiative launching January 2025

Our Vision: A Partner In Recovery

Colorado, like all states, face unique challenges with addiction, particularly due to the opioid crisis and the increasing use of substances like methamphetamine and fentanyl. Chiropractors who are actively involved in addiction intervention strategies can help tackle these challenges head-on.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, up to 20% of patients in medical and chiropractic offices already suffer from a substance use disorder. This program will train you to identify those patients and improve their care, and improve the lives of their families.

The Colorado Chiropractic Association (CCA) is launching a first-of-its-kind certification program aimed at equipping chiropractors with the tools needed to work with patients dealing with substance use disorders. This initiative is part of a broader effort to enhance the role of chiropractors in private practice, address the growing need for inclusive care, and collaborate with other healthcare professionals in managing behavioral health issues. Chiropractic care is an important piece in expanding nonpharmacological treatment, delivering inclusive care and supporting recovery.

This certification program will be administered by the CCA in conjunction with the American College of Addictionology & Compulsive Disorders (ACACD). This 5 weekend (75-hour) certification program is open to all healthcare professionals with an emphasis for chiropractors. All training is evidence based.* Upon successful completion, the Addiction Intervention Strategies Certification Credential (C.AIS) is granted and the attendee will have advanced standing with the ACACD Diplomate Program.

Get your certification in just 5 weekends!

*Increasing Retention Rates Among The Chemically Dependent In Residential Treatment: Subluxation-Based Chiropractic Care (RCT): Nature/Molecular Psychiatry, Feb. 2001

P300 Wave Outcomes in Subluxation-Based Chiropractic In Residential Treatment: A Randomized Controlled Clinical Trial: AVSR, Dec. 2020

Educate

This certification program is designed to provide and prepare attendees with a working knowledge of:

- The five addictions (Chemical, Food, Work, Sex, and Gambling) and all compulsive disorders (ADHD, etc.)
- The Brain Reward Cascade
- Co-Occurring Disorders
- Co-Morbidities
- Pathophysiology of Addiction
- Counseling & Treatment Options
- Treatment Models
- Interviewing & Intervention Strategies
- Reward Deficiency Syndrome
- Toxicology of Addictions

Benefits

This practical training is designed to prepare you to:

- Work with drug courts
- Work with correctional facilities
- Work with addiction treatment centers
- Work with hospitals and their many departments
- Work with mental health centers.
- Gain referrals from mental health professionals
- Gain referrals from pain management professionals and pain management centers
- Serve on government panels
- Be called upon by state and local political leadership

Program Information

Location:

Sonesta Denver Downtown
1450 Glenarm Place
Denver, CO 80202

Dates - 5 modules

- January 11 & 12
- February 15 & 16
- March 8 & 9
- April 5 & 6
- May 10 & 11

Registration Fees

(CEC hours included for all PACE States - for a full list of approved states, visit our website)

- Nonmember: \$3695
- Select Member: \$2345
- Basic Membership: \$2495
- Premium Membership: \$2145





Why Should I Consider This Certification Program?

Chiropractors are uniquely positioned to be the leaders in the fight against addiction, offering critical support that improves overall recovery outcomes.* By becoming involved in the first, and only certification of its kind in Colorado, you can help reduce the impact of addiction in Colorado and contribute to long-term solutions for our Nation's #1 cause of death and crime.

Gain Knowledge in Vital Areas of Addiction Recovery

- From understanding the five addictions (Chemical, Food, Work, Sex, & Gambling) to learning about the Brain's Reward Cascade, co-occurring disorders, compulsive disorders (ADHD and other learning disabilities), and intervention strategies—this certification program provides the comprehensive education and training necessary to enhance your patient care
- This practical training includes Neurotransmitter Replacement Therapy, Cranial Nerve Augmentation, and P300 Brain Wave Stabilization, just to name a few
- Chiropractic care has a powerful impact on brain function, neuroplasticity, and emotional well-being—key components in addiction recovery. This program shows you how to use those benefits to support your patients' long-term health

Join a Program Backed by Leading Institutions

- Become a leader among your peers. This 5 weekend certification program, offered in partnership with the ACACD, gives you the credential that carries weight in the field of addiction treatment & recovery, ensuring your position as a primary care provider
- Demonstrate that chiropractic is not limited to musculoskeletal, neck and low back pain but rather provides the broadest scope of practice of any other healthcare provider or discipline by providing increased state of well-being and human potential

Advocate for Expanded Access to Chiropractic Care

- Assist the CCA in working with State Legislators and the Attorney General's office to utilize Opioid Settlement dollars to fund chiropractic care
- The CCA will advocate to expand Medicaid coverage to include chiropractic care. Chiropractors have the opportunity to advocate for expanded access to their services to all patients with substance use disorders. This also includes those transitioning from incarceration since these individuals often face significant challenges when reintegrating into society

Collaborating with Other Health Professionals

- Addiction recovery requires a multidisciplinary approach, and chiropractors are well-positioned to work as primary care providers. By collaborating with medical doctors, therapists, and addiction specialists, chiropractors can develop comprehensive, patient-centered treatment plans that address all aspects of a patient's health
- Chiropractors trained in addiction intervention can provide expertise on the Mental (neuro), Chemical, and Physical effects of addiction, offering valuable insights that enhance the overall effectiveness of the care team

Filling the Gaps in Addiction Treatment

- The healthcare system is overwhelmed by the demands of addiction treatment, and chiropractors can play a vital role in primary care and improve their outcomes. Chiropractors can complement other forms of therapy and alleviate the burden on overworked mental health and addiction specialists and improve their outcomes. With limited access to comprehensive care in some communities, particularly underserved or rural areas, chiropractors can be primary providers of accessible, non-invasive therapies that reduce the need for medications

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