



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 407**  
[2005 Senate Bill 673]

**Certification of Substance Abuse  
Counselors and Others**

2005 Wisconsin Act 407 does the following:

- Prior to the enactment of 2005 Wisconsin Act 407, the categories of certification for substance abuse counselors, clinical supervisors, and prevention specialists, were as follows:
  - Basic substance abuse counselors
  - Intermediate substance abuse counselors
  - Independent substance abuse counselors
  - Basic clinical supervisors
  - Intermediate clinical supervisors
  - Independent clinical supervisors
  - Preventions specialists

The new categories of certification, after the enactment of Act 407, are as follows:

- Substance abuse counselors-in-training
- Substance abuse counselors
- Clinical substance abuse counselors
- Clinical supervisors-in-training
- Intermediate clinical supervisors
- Independent clinical supervisors
- Prevention specialists-in-training
- Prevention specialists

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

- Provides that renewals of certification for clinical supervisors-in-training, substance abuse counselors-in-training, and prevention specialists-in-training may only be made twice.
- Authorizes the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) to establish a minimum number of hours of continuing education to be required for certification renewal and continuing education topic areas.
- Authorizes DRL to require continuing education as part of any disciplinary process for an individual.
- Requires DRL to establish criteria for approval of continuing education programs and courses and for approval of sponsors and cosponsors of the programs and courses and to approve programs and courses in accordance with these criteria.
- Requires DRL to promulgate rules establishing minimum standards for the practice of substance abuse counseling, supervision, and prevention.
- Clarifies the effective date for provisions concerning certification of clinical supervisors, substance abuse counselors, and prevention specialists enacted under the (2005 Wisconsin Act 25 (Biennial Budget Act)).

***Effective Date:*** 2005 Wisconsin Act 407 takes effect on December 15, 2006.

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