



## **BAPSA Membership**

BAPSA Membership is for Addiction Professionals supporting continuous training and education in the addiction field. Members of BAPSA agree to uphold the highest level of ethics, legal and professional responsibilities in the field of addiction in South Africa. Being a member of BAPSA is a statement and commitment to strive for excellence.

Apply now to become part of the movement to professionalize the addiction field in South Africa. BAPSA aims to set a standard we can be proud of, ensuring that people suffering with the disease of addiction can receive world class professional help as a matter of course. Members of BAPSA make it their priority to continuously evolve and learn, be responsible and protect the integrity of the addiction treatment profession in South Africa. Any level of addiction professional can apply for membership to BAPSA.

### **Why choose our services?**

Why journey alone? Being part of BAPSA links you to professionals in every field contributing to the prevention and treatment of addiction. Be connected to a wealth of experience and knowledge for any solution you may need.

### **Our Obligation**

We will ensure our members are kept up to date with developments in the addiction field, as well as maintain a respectable level of standards and ethical practice in our profession. It is our task to ensure our members can be part of a board that instills security, continuity and pride.

## **Our Governing Board**

The Governing Board of BAPSA is comprised of representatives of each of the relevant fields in addiction treatment services. Each member of our Board brings something unique to the team, combining their experience and knowledge to promote multidisciplinary approaches and policies in dealing with the addiction problem in South Africa. At BAPSA we believe that no single profession can claim dominance in the field of addiction. Addiction itself is multi-dimensional and requires biological, psychological, social and spiritual interventions. The Governing Board of BAPSA covers all these bases and more, ensuring that the highest standard of professionalism can be created and maintained in South African addiction treatment services.

## **BAPSA Approval**

BAPSA offers a stamp of approval to treatment facilities and education providers. Having the BAPSA Approved logo on your website and documentation, shows that your staff or training meet global standards. And that they are held accountable to ethical competence and globally recognized continuing education.



### **Facilities & Organizations**

As an addiction professional, being a BAPSA member offers status and accountability in your field. If all your treatment staff are registered with BAPSA, your treatment facility will be awarded the BAPSA Approved logo as a statement of commitment to high standards of professional practice.

### **Education Providers**

The BAPSA Approved logo is only offered to education providers that are screened and proven to offer only globally accepted evidence based training and education.

## **BAPSA Membership Services and Benefits**

### **Membership professional levels status**

BAPSA membership aligns addiction professionals in relevant specializations based on scope of field, experience in the addiction field and qualification.

### **Legal and ethical guidance and accountability**

Members of BAPSA are held accountable for both legal and ethical conduct in the addiction field. Being a member of BAPSA is a statement of commitment to the highest level of competence and development to other professionals in the field.

### **Education assistance and referral**

BAPSA supports and promotes educational progress in the field of addiction. BAPSA lends its stamp of approval only to education providers that offer globally accepted and up to date education. We will assist professionals in our field to further their professional development continually throughout their careers.

### **Updates on the latest developments in the addiction field**

BAPSA tracks and researches all the latest developments in the addiction field. Through education referral, social media, our newsletters and the BAPSA magazine we keep our members posted on global developments in our field.

### **BAPSA Magazine**

Periodically we release the BAPSA Magazine, packed with information, articles and advertisements on all addiction related information that would be of interest to the addiction professional.

### **Access to a network of addiction professionals and facilities**

BAPSA currently has members registered from all addiction related professions across the country and offers employment referral between professionals and organizations. Collectively our board cover every area and field in addiction and offer each other support and guidance.

### **Workshops and seminars**

BAPSA will keep its members posted on all workshops, courses and seminars being held throughout the year. Coming soon we will also be hosting periodical webinars on various topics available to all members at no cost. Coming in 2016 will be the first BAPSA Convention hosting workshops and speakers.

## **Ongoing professional knowledge base and support**

BAPSA maintains a library of content to address a multitude of topics and our team are on standby to answer any queries our members may have on everything from treatment modalities to ethical and legal issues. When we cannot provide our members with a solution, we will draw on the experience and knowledge of other members who can help. Send us queries on any topic or service, and we will source what you need.

## **Employment Referral**

BAPSA offers employment referral to its registered members as an additional service to both members and organizations. Members can send us their details and credentials, which will be added to our list of candidates and made available to our database of organizations. Organizations can request candidates based on experience and qualification criteria. BAPSA will send them a list of available candidates to review and contact.

## **BAPSA Membership Levels**

### **Level 0 Student**

No Experience or education, starting as volunteer or trainee or applying for addiction education.

### **Level 1 Peer Recovery Coach**

(Matic) and 6 months (1000 hours) with minimum 30 Hrs CEU Peer Recovery, and Certification (ACCSA Peer Recovery Coach, IC&RC Peer Recovery, NAADAC National Peer Recovery Support Specialist or equivalent).

### **Level 2 Student Addiction Counsellor**

Certificate and 6 Months (1000 hours) experience.

### **Level 3 Addiction Counsellor**

Advanced Certificate (ACCSA Addiction Counsellor, IC&RC Certified Alcohol and Drug Counsellor, NAADAC National Certified Addiction Counsellor or equivalent) and 3 Years (6000 Hours) experience, or Bachelor's degree or advanced diploma with education/training and 1.5 Years (3000 Hours) work experience in addiction counselling.

### **Level 4 Addiction Professional**

Postgrad Diploma or Bachelors degree upwards, and 5 Years (10000 hrs) exp in addiction field.

### **Level 5 Addiction Clinical Supervisor**

Postgrad Diploma or Honors degree and 5 Years (10000 hrs), 200 hrs supervision, or Bachelors Degree and Certification (ACCSA Addiction Clinical Supervisor, IC&RC Clinical Supervisor, NAADAC National Clinical Supervision Endorsement or equivalent).

### **Level 6 Professional Addiction Counsellor**

Postgrad Diploma or Honors degree and between 5 Years (10000 hrs) exp and certification (ACCSA Professional Addiction Counsellor, IC&RC Certified Alcohol and Drug Counsellor II, NAADAC National Certified Addiction Counsellor II or equivalent).

### **Level 7 Professional Co-Occurring Disorder Counsellor**

Postgrad Diploma or Honors degree and 5 Years (10000 hrs), (5000-6000 COD specific) and certification (ACCSA Co-Occurring Disorder Counsellor, IC&RC Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional, NAADAC National Endorsed Co-Occurring Disorders Professional or equivalent).

### **Level 8 Professional Co-Occurring Disorder Specialist**

Masters degree and 3 Years (6000 hrs) experience and certification (ACCSA Professional Co-Occurring Disorder Specialist, IC&RC Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional Diplomat or equivalent).

### **Level 9 Addiction Prevention Specialist**

Masters degree and 2 Years (4000 hrs) experience and certification (ACCSA Addiction Prevention Specialist, IC&RC Certified Prevention Specialist or equivalent).

### **Level 10 Professional Addiction Specialist**

Masters degree and 2 Years (4000 hrs) experience and certification (ACCSA Professional Addiction Specialist, IC&RC Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counsellor, NAADAC Master Addiction Counsellor or equivalent).