

SUMMARY OF STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS		
CERTIFIED INDIGENOUS SPECIALISTS (mental health, wellness or addictions) Level IV		
FASD Specialization (CIAS IV-FASD)		
Work experience		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Certification is available to applicants who can demonstrate recent remunerated work experience in treating clients with FASD, in a residential or community-based setting for at least six months (1000 hours) and demonstrate at least 3 years of previous experience in the wellness/addictions field. It is also available to applicants who are already certified with ICBOC as Indigenous Certified Specialists (Mental health, wellness or addictions) at level III (ICAS III), provided they demonstrate at least 350 hours (equivalent to 10 weeks) of direct services to clients with FASD and their family (either as part of an applicant's current work responsibilities or through verified volunteer work or both) 		
Level of education	Level III accepted or a combination of academic qualifications, experience and training	
Education/training Specific to FASD with a focus on Indigenous perspectives		80 hrs. min
Socio-historical background		10
Introduction to FASD		10
Effect of alcohol on embryo and the fetus		10
Identification and diagnostic criteria		10
Interventions/Treatment strategies for working with clients with FASD		10
Prevention and outreach		10
Continuing Care of Families Affected by FASD		10
Ethical, legal, and policy issues related to FASD (Aboriginal focus)		10
Education/training related to FASD		20 hrs. min.
(one or a combination of the topics below - list is not exhaustive)		
Fetal Alcohol Exposure, FAS, FAE, pFAS and ARND New trends in FASD treatment Trauma and FASD Child abuse and FASD Examples of community-based approaches to FASD Music and FASD Genetics and FASD Screening and diagnostic tools		Brain-Based Teaching Methods Social Skills and Behaviors Families and FASD Receptive Language Development FASD and Life Skills for Success FASD-related grief and loss FASD and co-occurring disorders FASD and other neurodevelopmental conditions
Special counselling techniques and approaches		10 hrs. min.
Motivational interviewing (6 hours minimum)		
Any other technique & approach relevant to FASD		
Demonstrated expertise (applicant must submit two documents)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A research or position paper (2000 to 3000 words) OR 1 day workshop/course AND A case study/intervention narrative (1000 to 2000 words) drawn from first-hand experience 		
Evaluation of competencies related to FASD		Supervisor's score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Screening and diagnosis Referral Intervention Community mobilization & education Family outreach Prevention Cultural approaches Professional integrity 		70% minimum
Recertification requirements		
Every two years, 40 hours of new training on topics related to FASD (10 hours of specialization-specific education + 20 hours of specialization-related related education)		