

**SUMMARY OF STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**  
**CERTIFIED INDIGENOUS SPECIALIST (mental health, wellness or addictions) Level IV**  
**Responsible Gambling Specialization**

**Work experience**

- This Certification is available to applicants who can demonstrate recent remunerated work experience as a Responsible Gambling Counsellor in an Indigenous residential or community-based setting for at least six months (1000 hours) and demonstrate at least 3 years (6000 hours) of previous experience in the wellness/addictions field.
- It is also available to any applicant who is already certified with ICBOC as an Indigenous Certified Addictions Specialist at level III, provided he/she demonstrates **at least 350 hours** (equivalent to 10 weeks) of direct counselling to clients with gambling problems, either as part of his/her 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 responsible gambling with a focus on Indigenous perspectives** **80 hrs. min.**

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| Introduction to Gambling                       | 8  |
| How Gambling works                             | 8  |
| What is responsible gambling                   | 10 |
| Psychology and Gambling                        | 12 |
| Theories and framework                         | 12 |
| Clinical Approaches                            | 12 |
| Special Treatment issues: concurrent disorders | 10 |
| Affected persons issues                        | 10 |

**Education/training related to responsible gambling or other dependencies** **20 hrs. min.**

*(one or a combination of the topics below - this list is not exhaustive or in order of priority)*

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| Gambling and other disorders | New trends in gambling                       |
| Youth and gambling           | Cultural aspects of gambling                 |
| Women and gambling           | Historical aspects of gambling               |
| Seniors and gambling         | Gambling and violence                        |
| Youth and gambling           | Bingo and other social gaming                |
| Barriers to seeking help     | Any topics related to addictions or wellness |

**Special counselling techniques and approaches** **10 hrs. min.**

Motivational interviewing (6 hours minimum)  
 Any other counselling technique & approach relevant to responsible/problem gambling

**Demonstrated expertise** (applicant must submit two documents)

- A research **OR** position paper (2000 to 3000 words) **OR** one-day workshop/course **AND**
- A case study/intervention narrative (1000 to 2000 words), drawn from first-hand experience

**Competencies** **Supervisor's score**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Screening and assessment</li> <li>• Treatment planning</li> <li>• Counselling</li> <li>• Case management</li> <li>• Information and referral</li> <li>• Cultural approaches to treatment and recovery</li> <li>• Professional integrity</li> </ul> | 70% minimum |
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**Recertification Requirements**

Every two years 40 hours of new training related to Responsible Gambling (10 hours of specialization-specific education + 20 hours of specialization-related related education)