

Ohio Children's Alliance
FY23 Telehealth Credential Support Grants
Questions Regarding Request for Applications

Question: Do the "LICDC" or "LICDC-CS" credentials qualify for this grant?

The most updated information from the [Center for Credentialing and Education](#) (group responsible for the testing toward the telehealth credential) states:

Applicants for the BC-TMH credential must meet the following requirements:

Hold a current, active qualifying license to practice in a behavioral health field in the state or country in which you reside or work. If you are currently working as an associate/intern or under supervised practice, you also qualify as long as you are complying with your practice limitations.

Based on this statement, in Ohio, people possessing the following licensures would be eligible:

- Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)
- Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC)
- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC)
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors of Mental Health (LPCC)
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (LCMHC)
- Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHP)
- Licensed Social Worker (LSW)
- Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW)
- Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor (LICDC)
- Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor-Clinical Supervisor (LICDC-CS)

Question: I am an LSW and a contracted therapist. Are we able to apply outside of our agency? If unable to apply for the grant, do you mind pointing in the direction to take the course and test.

Per the RFA, applicants will be behavioral health agencies.

*Pg. 3: A goal of this RFA is to expand access to mental health services by increasing the quantity of clinicians available to provide such services using telehealth in addition to traditional face-to-face methods. This goal is being pursued through the RFA by producing **grants for community behavioral health agencies** to use to enroll behavioral health professionals in a specific telehealth training program that offers requisite training to earn the Board Certified-TeleMental Health (BC-TMH) credential.*

The course information can be found through [STAR Telehealth](#)

Information regarding the exam can be found through [Center for Credentialing and Education™](#) (CCE)

Question: Is an independent contractor considered an employee and can they apply?

For the purpose of this funding, agencies may enroll up to two people they believe are eligible and would benefit the agency by receiving the credential.

Question: What is the funding source?

Funding is being provided through a grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Question: Is this money allocated towards workforce development?

The funding used for these awards was specifically for the purpose of supporting expansion of telehealth services across the State.

Question: Is only the BC-TMH credential acceptable? And through STAR Institute?

This funding will produce **grants for community behavioral health agencies** to use to enroll behavioral health professionals in a specific telehealth training program that offers requisite training to earn the Board Certified-TeleMental Health (BC-TMH) credential.

Per the RFA on page 8:

Participants must be registered for the course through [STAR Telehealth](#)

Complete course and submit application to take exam to [Center for Credentialing and Education™ \(CCE\)](#)

Question: Are the trainings CEU eligible?

Per the [STAR website](#):

Each completed course has 1 CE with NBCC ACEP-801.

A certificate of completion can be obtained once the learning outcome conditions are met for each course.