

# CASAC Certification

## Project Information Sheet



## Free Education & Training for Network Member Employees

Through grants from Albany County (American Rescue Plan Act funds – ARPA) and the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), CBHN is partnering with Maria College to offer an exciting opportunity for employees of our Network Members to earn their Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) credential.

This comprehensive program provides participants with the education, training, and real-world experience needed to advance in the field of addiction counseling, addressing a critical staffing shortage in substance abuse treatment services in our region.



## Program Overview



### Coursework

Psychology, addiction theory, & counseling techniques courses lay the foundation for work in the substance use & mental health fields.



### Internship

Participate in internships with CBHN member organizations, gaining hands-on experience and preparing for advanced counseling roles.



### CASAC Credential

Completion results in the CASAC credential, a respected qualification that opens the door to career advancement in addiction counseling.

## Dual Impact on the Community

This program plays a vital role in addressing the growing shortage of substance use professionals in our region. By offering full-cost scholarships to eligible employees, we ensure individuals who are passionate about helping others have access to the education they need, regardless of their financial situation.



**For Participants** it provides **career advancement opportunities** in the human services field, particularly for individuals who may otherwise lack the resources to pursue a CASAC credential.



**For CBHN Member Organizations** it helps address staffing shortages by training and credentialing a new generation of addiction counselors, enabling our organizations to serve more individuals in need.

## Program Benefits



### No Tuition Fees

Full scholarships are available, removing financial barriers to pursuing a rewarding career in addiction counseling.



### Real-World Experience

Complete internships at CBHN member organizations and prepare for advancement within the field.



### Workforce Development

Contribute to solving the shortage of qualified addiction professionals while advancing your career.



### Supportive Network

Students form cohorts and benefit from networking and collaboration.

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