

Certification for Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS)

The Certification Board of New Jersey, in collaboration with the Tobacco Dependence Program at UMDNJ School of Public Health, is now offering a certification for its 5-day Tobacco Dependence Treatment Specialist training. This training is held periodically throughout the year. For training dates, more information regarding the training or to register for the training, please visit our website at: www.tobaccoprogram.org. To find out more about the certification process, please visit <http://www.certbd.com>.

Course Length:	42 clock hours
Grandfathering Clause:	Those who have <i>completed</i> the UMDNJ TTS prior to July 1, 2004 automatically qualify to apply for this certification.
Prerequisites:	Masters or above in Human Services field with one year of full time counseling Health care experience, or Bachelors in Human Services with two years of full time counseling/ health care experience, or CADC/LCADC/ nursing or other recognized health related qualification, with four years of full time counseling or health care experience.
To Apply:	Download the form
Cost:	\$150 non-refundable Initial application review fee.
Recertification Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eighteen (18) hours of continuing education on tobacco dependence treatment every two (2) years • \$150 non-refundable recertification fee • Submission of recertification application

NJ Residents: Please note that the CERTIFIED TOBACCO TREATMENT SPECIALIST is not an independent clinical practice credential and should only be used for work within health care or counseling settings. Private practice counselors must have a license approved by the Division of Consumer Affairs to provide independent counseling.

Website Review: Professional Assisted Cessation Therapy (www.endsmoking.org)

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This edition of *The Nicotine Challenger* would like to review the website of an organization known as Professional Assisted Cessation Therapy (PACT) found at www.endsmoking.org. PACT defines itself as an independent consortium of leaders in the treatment of tobacco dependence whose mission is to lower barriers to broader utilization of cessation therapy through education and advocacy. The organization is made up of a wide array of organizations committed to helping smokers receive the latest and most effective information with regard to tobacco dependence treatment and is funded by an unrestricted educational grant by Glaxo Smith Kline Consumer Health.

PACT is probably most well known for its Employers Smoking Cessation Guide (on its 2nd edition) and Reimbursement for Smoking Cessation Therapy (on its 3rd edition). These two guides have served as useful tools to professionals fighting for coverage of tobacco dependence treatment in their state and are available in downloadable form on their website.

While the organization is currently soliciting new members, the website does not give any indication as to whether there is a cost to join. Without joining on as a member, I was able to download the guides mentioned above, review the latest tobacco treatment news headlines, and download useful educational materials for providers and consumers via their Office Smoking Cessation Assistance Resource (OSCAR) web page.

PACT offers a new feature for those who want to receive email alerts on tobacco treatment news stories. While I found some areas of the website outdated, such as the calendar of events and articles written by the steering committee, I did find the latest news articles to be rather current. While I wouldn't use this site as my "one-stop-shop" for my cessation information, overall, I found the site to be very easy to navigate, very consumer friendly and a great resource for those in the field of tobacco dependence treatment.