

# What type of license do you need?

## Counseling Facility

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## Outpatient Treatment Center

Per [A.A.C. R9-10-101\(60\)](#), "**counseling facility**" means a health care institution that only provides counseling, which may include:

- DUI screening, education, or treatment according to the requirements in [9 A.A.C. 20, Article 1](#); or
- Misdemeanor domestic violence offender treatment according to the requirements in [9 A.A.C. 20, Article 2](#)

Per [A.A.C. R9-10-101\(59\)](#), "**counseling**" has the same meaning as "practice of professional counseling" in [A.R.S. § 32-3251](#), which means the professional application of mental health, psychological and human development theories, principles and techniques to:

- Facilitate human development and adjustment throughout the human life span
- Assess and facilitate career development
- Treat interpersonal relationship issues and nervous, mental and emotional disorders that are cognitive, affective or behavioral
- Manage symptoms of mental illness
- Assess, appraise, evaluate, diagnose and treat individuals, couples, families and groups through the use of psychotherapy

### Allowable services:

- Counseling
- DUI screening
- DUI education
- DUI treatment
- Misdemeanor domestic violence offender treatment

*Note: Services other than the allowable services listed above are prohibited (i.e. ancillary services, health-related services, medication services, nursing services, medical services, etc.).*

### Staff requirements:

- Counseling is provided under the direction of a behavioral health professional (BHP)
- Counseling is provided by a BHP or behavioral health technician (BHT)
- Personnel member who provides counseling is at least 18 yrs. old
- If counseling is provided to patients under the age of 18, an employee or a volunteer and the owner comply with the fingerprint clearance card requirements in [A.R.S. § 36-425.03](#)

### Visit:

- [www.azdhs.gov/licensing](http://www.azdhs.gov/licensing) to find out more information about all of the licensees regulated by ADHS
- [www.AZCareCheck.com](http://www.AZCareCheck.com) to review the 3-year history for licensees, including inspections and enforcement
- [app3.azdhs.gov/PROD-AZHSComplaint-UI](http://app3.azdhs.gov/PROD-AZHSComplaint-UI) to submit a complaint against a licensee or provider that should be licensed



Per [A.A.C. R9-10-101\(158\)](#), "**outpatient treatment center**" means a class of health care institution without inpatient beds that provides physical health services or behavioral health services for the diagnosis and treatment of patients

### Allowable services:

- Behavioral health services and, if applicable:
  - Behavioral health observation/stabilization services
  - Children's behavioral health services
  - Court-ordered evaluation
  - Court-ordered treatment
  - Counseling
  - Crisis services
  - Opioid treatment services
  - Pre-petition screening
  - Respite services
  - Respite services for children on the premises
  - DUI education
  - DUI screening
  - DUI treatment, or
  - Misdemeanor domestic violence offender treatment
- Diagnostic imaging services
- Clinical laboratory services
- Dialysis services
- Emergency room services
- Pain management services
- Physical health services
- Rehabilitation services
- Sleep disorder services
- Urgent care services provided in a freestanding urgent care center setting
- Medication services
- Ancillary services (i.e. case management, peer support, etc.)
- Medical services
- Nursing services
- Health-related services

*Note: Services that require overnight stays or inpatient stays are prohibited.*

### Staff requirements:

- Physical health services are provided under the direction of a physician and registered nurse practitioner
- Behavioral health services performed by or under the supervision of professional who is licensed pursuant to Title 32 and whose scope of practice allows the professional to provide these services