

## Massachusetts Problem Gambling Specialist (MA PGS) Certification Requirements

MA PGS	MA PGS I	MA PGS II
<b>Professional Addiction-Related Experience*</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.5 or more years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 or more years</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Licensure Required</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Responsibilities*</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide education, mentorship, recovery, and/or support services to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals</li> <li>○ Peers</li> <li>○ Community members</li> <li>○ Etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide clinical treatment services</li> <li>• May also perform <b>some</b>, but not all, of the following services:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide counseling without supervision</li> <li>○ Diagnose clients</li> <li>○ Bill directly for treatment services provided</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide clinical treatment services</li> <li>• Authorized to perform <b>all</b> of the following services:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide counseling without supervision</li> <li>○ Supervise other counselors</li> <li>○ Diagnose clients</li> <li>○ Bill directly for treatment services provided</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Roles &amp; Credentials</b>		
<i>*Please note, these examples are provided for reference only; the lists are not exhaustive.</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovery Coach</li> <li>• Community Health Worker</li> <li>• Peer Support Specialist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LMHC (license-eligible)</li> <li>• LADC II</li> <li>• LCSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LMHC</li> <li>• LADC I</li> <li>• LICSW</li> </ul>
<b>Training &amp; Continuing Education (CE) Requirements*</b>		
<p><b>Initial certification:</b> 30 CE hours of M-TAC training/coursework</p> <p><b>Renewal certification:</b> 15 CE hours of M-TAC training/coursework</p> <p><b>Re-certification is required every 2 years for all tracks.</b></p>		
<p>*Indicates eligibility requirements. Applicants must meet all relevant requirements for each track.</p>		