Dear Applicant,

Enclosed is the application & information packet you requested. The 2015 test dates are as follows.

**Complete application due to ACCBO by:**
- **February 6, 2015** for the **April 11-25, 2015 testing period**
- **June 5, 2015** for the **August 8-22, 2015 testing period**
- **October 2, 2015** for the **December 5-19, 2015 testing period**

You must have a **completed** application packet, the Test Application form, and the appropriate fees in our office **no later than** the above application due date, **regardless of postmark**, for the appropriate test date.

The Application for International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors is now included in this packet. This form is absolutely necessary to get you into the test. Please sign in both places on the second page.

If you are sending packages overnight mail at the last minute, we suggest that you sign the waiver to allow the carrier to leave the package without a signature. Certified mail that requires a signature also can cause your package to arrive late.

The $50 application fee is non-refundable. The $220 test fee is **absolutely non-refundable** and **non-transferable** after the application due date. If you have submitted your applications and fees and find **prior** to the application due date that you are unable to attend the test, please notify us immediately and your fee can be refunded or applied to the next test. When you have sent us a completed application, including the test fee and the completed GCCB test registration, you will be automatically enrolled in the next available test date unless you contact us and request otherwise.

**FEE SCHEDULE:**

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If you have any other questions, please feel free to email Richard Johnson at zzjohnson@msn.com
Public funds may not be used to support, in whole or in part, the employment in any capacity of an individual having contact with a recipient of support services or a resident of a residential facility or an adult foster home, of a mental health or substance abuse treatment provider who has been convicted of the following convictions. ORS 443.004/OAR 407-007-0277 impacts anyone with this type of employment regardless of hire date.

“Mental health or substance abuse treatment provider” in ORS 443.004 means:
- A peer support specialist;
- An employee of a residential treatment facility or a residential treatment home that is licensed under ORS 443.415 to provide treatment for individuals with alcohol or drug dependence;
- An individual who provides treatment or services for persons with substance use disorders; or
- An individual who provides mental health treatment or services (including any type of mental health licensed or certified facility or agency).

If the individual has been convicted of any of the crimes listed below (or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation for any of the crimes) regardless of how long ago the conviction occurred, THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE POSITION.

- ORS 163.095, Aggravated murder
- ORS 163.115, Murder
- ORS 163.375, Rape I
- ORS 163.405, Sodomy I
- ORS 163.411, Unlawful sexual penetration I
- ORS 163.427, Sexual abuse I

All mental health or substance abuse treatment providers are subject to ORS 443.004 if public funds are involved in the payment of treatment or services. The Background Check Unit (BCU), serving the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority does not conduct background checks on programs or facilities which are exclusively licensed or certified as an alcohol & drug provider.

If an individual is offered employment as a mental health or substance abuse treatment provider AND the individual is subject to a background check through BCU, submit a background check request. If BCU confirms that the individual has a conviction of one or more of the crimes listed above, BCU will make a determination that of INELIGIBLE DUE TO ORS 443.004.

An individual found to be Ineligible Due to ORS 443.004 does not have hearing rights through BCU regarding this determination.
Gambling Counselor Certification
Board of Oregon

Gambling Addiction Counselor Certification Application Packet

Director of Gambling Addiction Counselor Certification

Richard Johnson, M.A.
CADC III, CGAC II, NCGC II, BACC
(National Council on Problem Gambling Board Approved Clinical Consultant)

2054 N Vancouver Ave
Portland, Oregon 97227-1917

Contact Information
971-235-2954
zzjohnson@msn.com

Form Revised August 27, 2014
Certification Overview-Checklist
 Applicant Registration Form
 Ethics Statement
 Education Log Form
 Supervised Experience Form
 Board Approved Clinical Consultant
 Supervision Form for CGAC I & II
Certified Gambling Addictions Counselor
Level I
Entry Level Certification

Overview and Applicant Checklist

Applicant Registration

Complete the applicant registration form with identifying information and candidate statement. Enclose appropriate fees: $50 application fee and $220 testing fee.

Education and/or Credentialing Requirements

You must submit proof of an advanced level credentialing in a mental health or addictions discipline demonstrating basic human service competencies (a minimum of CADC II, CADC III or QMHA/QMHP, etc.)

Experience Requirements

500 Hours of Supervised Experience in the Gambling Addiction Counselor Domains Experience may include any gambling specific counseling services rendered in the Four Domains; Clinical, Documentation, Administrative and Client Advocacy. (1 Full Time Month = 160 experience hours).

24 hours of face-to-face, telephone, email, or other electronic communication clinical supervision from a qualified problem gambling treatment clinical supervisor.

"Gambling" Educational Requirements

60 Hours Problem/Compulsive Gambling Education (a minimum of 2 hours in each category), including a minimum of:

- Gambling Client Assessment/Intake
- Gambling Financial Planning & Budgeting
- Gambling Counseling (Individual, Group, Family)
- Gambling Case Management
- Professional Responsibility and Ethics
- Crisis Intervention
- Co-occurring Disorders

Gambling Counselor Ethics Agreement

Sign/date the Ethics Agreement.

Exam Registration

Complete the exam registration form in order to register for the exam. You must successfully pass the examination.

NOTE
You must submit a completed registration packet by the application deadline in order to be registered for the National Exam.

Questions: email zzjohnson@msn.com
Certified Gambling Addictions Counselor
Level II
Advanced Certification

Overview and Applicant Checklist

Applicant Registration

- Complete the applicant registration form with identifying information and candidate statement. Enclose appropriate fees: $50 application fee and $220 testing fee.

Education and/or Credentialing Requirements

- You must submit proof of a graduate degree in the Human Arts (counseling, sociology, psychology, social work, etc.). Official transcript must be submitted.

Experience Requirements

- 2,000 Hours of Supervised Experience in the Gambling Addiction Counselor Domains. Experience may include any gambling specific counseling services rendered in the Four Domains; Clinical, Documentation, Administrative and Client Advocacy. (6 Full Time Months = 1,000 experience hours).

Professional Supervision

- 24 hours of face-to-face, telephone, email, or other electronic communication clinical supervision from a qualified problem gambling treatment clinical supervisor.

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## Statement of Abstinence

*Only for those who are recovering from problem/compulsive gambling behavior.*

I hereby attest that I have been abstinent from gambling for the ______ years immediately preceding this application.

Applicant Signature: __________________________

Date: __________________________

## Candidate Statement

I hereby apply for certification in Oregon as a Gambling Addictions Counselor. I understand that the application and examination fee is non-refundable & non-transferable from one examination date to another.

Furthermore, I attest that the information I have given in this application and all supporting documentation is correct and true. I give ACCBO permission to verify any statements given in any part of this application.

Applicant Signature: __________________________

Date: __________________________

What Level of Gambling Certification are you applying for? Check one of the following.

______ CGAC I
______ CGAC II

Questions: email zzjohnson@msn.com
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<td>2. Respect confidentiality of all records, materials and communications concerning clients.</td>
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<td>3. Respect for client evidenced by an objective, non-possessive professional relationship at all times.</td>
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<td>4. No discrimination among clients or professionals on the basis of race, color, creed, age, sex, or sexual orientation.</td>
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<td>5. Respect for the rights and views or of other gambling counselors and professionals.</td>
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<td>7. Evidence of genuine interest in helping persons with gambling problems and dedication to helping them to help themselves.</td>
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<td>8. Willingness to assess his/her own personal and vocational strengths, limitations, and biases. Ability and willingness to recognize when it is to the clients best interest to refer or release him/her to another counselor or program.</td>
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<td>10. Total commitment to providing the highest quality of care through both personal effort and utilization of any other health professionals or services which may assist the client in his/her recovery plan.</td>
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Name and title of Candidate

_________________________________________

Signature_________________________

Date_____________________________
**Gambling Educational Requirements**

- **60 Hours Problem/Compulsive Gambling Education** (a minimum of 2 hours in each category), including a minimum of:
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  - Gambling Financial Planning & Budgeting
  - Gambling Counseling (Individual, Group, Family)
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  - Professional Responsibility and Ethics
  - Crisis Intervention
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All education must be accredited or approved through a recognized education accreditation or approval body. Certificates must indicate accreditation through a recognized accreditation body, such as:
- ACCBO
- NAADAC
- Regional Accreditation
- NASW
- APA
- ACA
- NBCC
- National Council on Problem Gambling
- CRCC
- Etc.,...

Those certificates that do not indicate accreditation through a recognized accreditation body will not be accepted.

**DO NOT INCLUDE EDUCATION IN YOUR APPLICATION THAT IS NOT ACCREDITED OR APPROVED**

Questions: email RichardJohson@ACCBO.com

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**TOTAL**
Experience Requirements

CGAC I: 500 Hours of Supervised Experience in the Gambling Addiction Counselor Domains.

CGAC II: 2,000 Hours of Supervised Experience in the Gambling Addiction Counselor Domains.

Experience may include any gambling specific counseling services rendered in the Four Domains; Clinical, Documentation, Administrative and Client Advocacy. (6 Full Time Months = 1,000 experience hours).

Make as many copies of this form as you need to document the minimum of hours. You will most likely need one form for each gambling program you have worked in.

Approximate the number of hours in each category of the Gambling Addiction Counselor Domains. You must present a majority of hours in the Clinical Domain.

Candidate Name (print)

Name of Gambling Addiction Program or Agency/Practice where services were provided.

Name & Title of your supervisor (print)

Dates of Experience (From - To)

Questions: email RichardJohnson@ACCBO.com

Domains & Hours

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Total Hours Accrued in all of the Gambling Addiction Counselor Domains

Candidate Signature date

Board Approved & Qualified Disordered date Gambling Treatment Clinical Supervisor Signature

(Qualified supervisors must have maintained a CGAC II certification for a minimum of 2 years and have a minimum of 10 hours of clinical supervision training with documentation of such in their ACCBO file.)
Professional Supervision Form

Professional Supervision Requirements
24 hours of face-to-face, telephone, email, or other electronic communication clinical supervision from a qualified problem gambling treatment clinical supervisor.

(Qualified supervisors must have maintained a CGAC II certification for a minimum of 2 years and have a minimum of 10 hours of clinical supervision training with documentation of such in their ACCBO file.)

Candidate Name (print)

Name of Gambling Addiction Program or Agency/Practice where services were provided.

Name & Title of your “ACC” or “BACC”

Dates of Supervision (From - To)

Questions: email RichardJohnsnon@ACCBO.

Supervision Hours

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Total Hours Accrued from all professional supervision sessions
Application for International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS: This form will be scanned by computer, so please make your marks heavy and dark, filling the circles completely. Please print uppercase letters and avoid contact with the edge of the box. See example provided.

Candidate Information

Last Name

First Name

Number and Street

City

Daytime Phone

E-mail Address

Examination Date

○ Spring  ○ Fall  ○ Winter

Eligibility and Background Information

Darken only one choice for each question unless otherwise directed.

A. ELIGIBILITY ROUTE:  (See Handbook.)

☐ Bachelor's degree
☐ NCAC - I
☐ NCAC - II
☐ MAC
☐ Not applicable - taking examination for State Certification

B. LEVEL FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

☐ Level - I (NCGC- I , ICGC- I)
☐ Level - II (NCGC- II , ICGC- II)

C. IN WHAT TYPE OF SETTING DO YOU PRACTICE?

☐ Private outpatient  ☐ Public outpatient
☐ Private residential  ☐ Public residential
☐ Hospital inpatient  ☐ Governmental institution
☐ Other

D. IN WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU SPEND AT LEAST TEN HOURS PER WEEK?

☐ Counseling clients with gambling-related problems
☐ Counseling clients with alcohol/drug-related problems
☐ Clinical supervision
☐ Assessment and referral
☐ Outreach
☐ Research/evaluation
☐ Other

E. PERCENT OF WORKING TIME CURRENTLY SPENT IN GAMBLING COUNSELING:

☐ Less than 25%  ☐ 51 to 75%
☐ 25 to 50%  ☐ More than 75%

F. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

☐ Counselor  ☐ Physician other than Psychiatrist
☐ Therapist  ☐ Psychiatrist
☐ Administrator  ☐ Clergy
☐ Social Worker  ☐ Other
☐ Nurse

G. EXPERIENCE IN GAMBLING COUNSELING:

☐ 50 to 99 hours  ☐ 751 to 1000 hours
☐ 100 hours  ☐ 1001 to 2000 hours
☐ 101 to 750 hours  ☐ More than 2000 hours

H. HIGHEST ACADEMIC LEVEL:

☐ Bachelor's degree
☐ Master's degree
☐ Doctoral degree
☐ Other

(Continue on page 2)
I. IN WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE YOU LICENSED OR HOLD CERTIFICATION OR REGISTRATION? 
(Darken all that apply.)
- Social work
- Psychology
- Counseling
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Employee assistance programming
- Marriage and family therapy
- Other

J. HAVE YOU TAKEN THIS EXAMINATION BEFORE?
- No
- Yes 
If yes, indicate month, year, and name under which the examination was taken.
Date (month/year): __________________________
Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

K. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING (NCPG)?
- No
- Yes
NOTE: Membership is not required.

L. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF NAADAC?
- No
- Yes
NOTE: Membership is not required.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION
Note: Information related to race, age, and gender is optional and is requested only to assist in complying with general guidelines pertaining to equal opportunity. Such data will be used only in statistical summaries and in no way will affect your certification.

Race:
- African American
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White
- Other

Age Range:
- Under 25
- 25 to 29
- 30 to 39
- 40 to 49
- 50 to 59
- 60+

Gender:
- Male
- Female

Release Authorization
Must be completed by all candidates authorizing release of test results to a state/commonwealth.

State/Commonwealth
Please print the two letter state/commonwealth abbreviation in the boxes provided. For Bureau of Prisons print “BP”.

I hereby authorize the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB) to release the results of my certification examination to the state/commonwealth indicated. I understand that these test results will be used only for state/commonwealth certification at this time.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: ____________________________________  DATE: __________________________

Candidate Signature
I have read the Handbook for Candidates and understand I am responsible for knowing its contents. I certify that the information given in this Application is accurate, correct, and complete.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: ____________________________  DATE: __________________________

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Fee:

Date

CC  Check
CERTIFICATION

The International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB) formerly known as the National Gambling Counselor Certification Board (NGCCB) supports the concept of voluntary certification by examination of gambling counselors. Certification is one part of a process called credentialing. Certification focuses specifically on the individual and is an indication of one’s current level of knowledge in gambling counseling.

PURPOSES OF CERTIFICATION

TO PROMOTE COMPETENCY IN GAMBLING COUNSELING BY:

1. Promoting high standards of training, competence, skills, and knowledge.
2. Providing a national and international standard for requisite knowledge in gambling counseling.
3. Recognizing formally those individuals who meet the standards of eligibility established by the IGCCB.
4. Encouraging continued professional growth in gambling counseling for the purpose of improving the quality of care to addicted persons and their families.
5. Establishing, measuring, and monitoring the level of knowledge required for certification in gambling counseling.

ADMINISTRATION

The Certification Program is sponsored by the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board. The International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors is administered for the IGCCB by the Professional Testing Corporation (PTC), 1350 Broadway - 17th Floor, New York, New York 10018, (212) 356-0660, www.ptcny.com. Questions concerning the examination should be referred to PTC.

EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION

The International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors is administered during an established two-week testing period on a daily basis, Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays, at computer-based testing facilities managed by LaserGrade Computer Testing, Inc. LaserGrade has several hundred testing sites in the United States, as well as Canada. Scheduling is done on a first-come, first-serve basis. To find a testing center near you visit: www.lasergrade.com or call LaserGrade at (800) 211-2754. Please note: Hours and days of availability vary at different centers. You will not be able to schedule your examination appointment until you have received an Eligibility Notice from PTC.
SCHEDULING YOUR EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

Once your Application has been received and processed, and your eligibility verified, you will be sent a postcard confirming receipt. Within 2 weeks prior to the first day of the testing window, you will be mailed an Eligibility Notice. The Eligibility Notice plus photo identification must be presented in order to gain admission to the testing center. A candidate not receiving an Eligibility Notice or other correspondence at least three weeks before the beginning of the two-week testing period should contact the Professional Testing Corporation by telephone at (212) 356-0660 with their fax number.

The Eligibility Notice will indicate where to call to schedule your examination appointment as well as the dates in which testing is available. Appointment times are first-come, first-serve, so schedule your appointment as soon as you receive your Eligibility Notice in order to maximize your chance of testing at your preferred location and on your preferred date.

It is highly recommended that each candidate becomes familiar with the testing site.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special testing arrangements may be made for special needs individuals submitting the Application, examination fee, and a letter describing the nature of the disability and the special accommodations needed for testing. Requests for special testing needs individuals must be received at least EIGHT weeks before the testing period begins.

CHANGING YOUR EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

If you need to cancel your examination appointment or reschedule to a different date within the two-week testing period you must contact LaserGrade at (800) 211-2754 no later than noon, Eastern Standard Time, of the second business day PRIOR to your scheduled appointment.

If you fail to arrive for your appointment or cancel without giving the required notice, you will forfeit your testing fee.

RULES FOR THE EXAMINATION

1. No signaling devices, including pagers, cellular phones, and alarms, may be operative during the examination.

2. No books or reference materials may be taken into the examination room.

3. Simple, nonprogrammable calculators are permitted with the exception of calculators as part of cellular phones, blackberries, etc. A calculator is also available on screen if needed.

4. No questions concerning content of the examination may be asked during the testing period. The candidate should read carefully the directions that are provided on screen at the beginning of the examination session.

REFUNDS

There will be no refund of fees. Fees will not be transferred from one testing period to another.

REPORT OF RESULTS

Candidates will be notified within six weeks whether they have passed or failed the examination. Scores on the major areas of the examination and on the total examination will be reported.

REEXAMINATION

The International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors may be taken as often as desired upon filing of a new Application and fee. There is no limit to the number of times the examination may be repeated.

CONFIDENTIALITY

1. The IGCCB will release the individual test scores ONLY to the individual candidate.

2. Any questions concerning test results should be referred to IGCCB or the Professional Testing Corporation.

CONTENT OF EXAMINATION

1. The International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors is a computer-based examination composed of a maximum of 200 multiple-choice, objective questions with a total testing time of four (4) hours.

2. The content for the examination is described in the Content Outline starting on page 8.

3. The questions for the examination are obtained from individuals with expertise in gambling counseling and are reviewed for construction, accuracy, and appropriateness by the IGCCB.

4. The IGCCB, with the advice and assistance of the Professional Testing Corporation, prepares the examination.

5. The International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors will be weighted in approximately the following manner:

   I. Basic Knowledge of Problem and Pathological Gambling
   II. Gambling Counseling Practice
   III. Special Issues in Gambling Treatment
   IV. Professional Issues

   20% 40% 30% 10%
## CONTENT OUTLINE

### I. BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF PROBLEM AND PATHOLOGICAL GAMBLING

A. Scope of Legalized Gambling
   1. Prevalence of Gambling Problems
      a. Among Adults
      b. Among Youth
      c. Among Treatment Populations
   2. Definition of Pathological Gambling
   3. Operationalized Definition of Problem Gambling
   4. The Pathological Gambling Disorder
      a. Terminology
      b. Progression of the Disorder
      c. Withdrawal Symptoms from Gambling

B. Client Evaluations
   1. Screening
   2. Intake
   3. Assessment
   4. Diagnostic Criteria

### II. GAMBLING COUNSELING PRACTICE

A. Examination of Attitudes/Feelings
   1. Real Meaning of Money
   2. Deception and Self-Deception
   3. Fantasy and Dissociation
   4. Spirituality
   5. Transference and Countertransference

B. Considerations of Alternative Solutions

C. Skills
   1. Individual Counseling
   2. Group Counseling
   3. Family/Significant Others
   4. Interventions
   5. Treatment Planning
   6. Financial Management Issues
      a. Restitution
      b. Budget Preparation
      c. Pressure Relief Group
   7. Legal Issues

D. Relationship to Substance Abuse

E. Client Care
   1. Case Management
   2. Crisis Management
      a. Identification
      b. Resolution
   3. Referral Resources
   4. Reports and Record Keeping
   5. Consultation

F. Education
   1. Orientation
   2. Gambling Information
   3. Co-Occurring Disorders
      a. Mental
      b. Emotional
      c. Psychological
      d. Recreation/Leisure
   4. Self-Help Programs
      a. Gamblers Anonymous
      b. Gam-Anon
      c. Other 12-Step Resources for Gambling Clients
   5. Research
      a. Neurobiology
      b. Treatment

G. Continuing Care

### III. SPECIAL ISSUES IN GAMBLING TREATMENT

A. Adolescence
B. Older Adults
C. Female Gamblers
D. Cultural Minorities
E. Relapse and Relapse Prevention
F. Suicide
G. Dual/Multiple Diagnosis
H. Survivors Issues
I. Chronic Illness
J. Criminal Justice

### IV. PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

A. Law and Regulation
   1. Client Rights
      a. Confidentiality
      b. Informed Consent
      c. Reporting
         1. Child/Other Abuse
         2. Duty to Warn
   2. Discrimination
   3. Continuous Quality Improvement
   4. Managed Care
      a. Utilization Review
      b. Outcome Studies

B. Ethics
   1. Non-Discrimination
   2. Counselor Responsibility
   3. Competence
   4. Legal Standards
   5. Media Statements
   6. Publication Credit
   7. Client Welfare
   8. Confidentiality
   9. Client Responsibility
   10. Interprofessional Relationships
   11. Remuneration
   12. Societal Advocacy

C. Supervision
   1. Administrative
   2. Clinical
   3. Gambling Specific Consultation
SAMPLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

In the following questions, choose the one best answer.

1. If, during a session, a client speaks about suicide, which of the following is the most appropriate initial step?
   1. Telephone the client’s next-of-kin
   2. Seek a consultation with a professional colleague
   3. Make a decision about the seriousness of the situation
   4. End the session and accompany the client to the nearest hospital

2. Pathological gambling should be listed on what DSM-IV Axis?
   1. I
   2. II
   3. III
   4. IV

3. Which of the following is a common characteristic of a gambler who plays skill games?
   1. Is competitive
   2. Uses gambling as an escape
   3. Has relationship problems
   4. Experiences a later onset of gambling behavior

4. The most recent federally funded national study of problems and pathological gambling was completed in
   1. 1976.
   2. 1980.

5. Which of the following substances are pathological gamblers most likely to abuse?
   1. Alcohol
   2. Cocaine
   3. Marijuana
   4. Amphetamine

6. Which of the following screening tools is used to assess for pathological gambling?
   1. ASI
   2. NED
   3. DIGS
   4. NORC

CORRECT ANSWERS TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1.3 2.1 3.1 4.4 5.1 6.3

REFERENCES

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