**20:80:05:14.  Independent practice.** In order for a practitioner to qualify as a private independent addiction counselor, a practitioner shall meet the following requirements:

 (1)  Hold an active LAC credential with the board; and

 (2)  Have completed a minimum of two years of qualifying supervised work experience in the field of addiction counseling following initial certification or licensure.

 The requirements of this section do not apply to any person engaged in independent practice prior to April 1, 2014.

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