

**Continuing Educational Credits Offered
By The Behavioral Health Training & Education Network (BHTEN)**

The following is a description of the CAC and CEU continuing education credit types. Please check during AM registration to make sure you are receiving the correct credit type. If you do not choose a credit type, then CEUs, if offered for a given training, will be awarded.

- The **Certified Addictions Counselor** credit, abbreviated CAC, is a credit type for those individuals who have or are in the process of obtaining a CAC certificate and who need a certain number of drug and alcohol or related trainings each year to obtain/maintain their certification. These credits are awarded by the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) through authorized CAC credit providers such as BHTEN.
- **The Continuing Education Unit**, abbreviated CEU, is a continuing education credit that can only be awarded by an authorized provider such as BHTEN. The CEU can be awarded to all participants regardless of their educational background and/or their licensure or certification needs. However, obtaining CEUs may or may not help participants maintain licensure or certification status; you will need to check with the licensing or certification board that oversees your licensure/certification.

The CEUs are provided through the **International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET)**. This organization supplies training credits for courses, which can then be taken to colleges and other licensing bodies for review and possible credit by that entity. - - You can view which organizations that generally accept IACET credits (see website: www.iacet.org)

Please note that the number of CEUs versus the number of CAC credits is calculated differently. For the CEU credit type, divide the number of training contact hours by 10 to arrive at the number of CEU credits. For example 5.5 training hours equals 0.55 CEUs whereas 5.5 hours of the same training equals 5.5 CAC credits.

What is important is not the absolute # of credits but the number of training contact hours the credits represent.