

**148C.10 PROHIBITED PRACTICE OR USE OF TITLES; PENALTY.**

Subdivision 1. **Practice.** No person, other than those individuals exempted under section 148C.11 or 148C.045, shall engage in alcohol and drug counseling without first being licensed under this chapter as an alcohol and drug counselor. For purposes of this chapter, an individual engages in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling if the individual performs or offers to perform alcohol and drug counseling services as defined in section 148C.01, subdivision 10, or if the individual is held out as able to perform those services.

Subd. 1a. [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 14 art 5 s 30]

Subd. 2. **Use of titles.** No person shall present themselves or any other individual to the public by any title incorporating the words "licensed alcohol and drug counselor" or otherwise hold themselves out to the public by any title or description stating or implying that they are licensed or otherwise qualified to practice alcohol and drug counseling unless that individual holds a valid license. Persons issued a temporary permit must use titles consistent with section 148C.04, subdivision 6, paragraph (d).

Subd. 3. **Penalty.** A person who violates sections 148C.01 to 148C.11 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**History:** 1992 c 559 art 2 s 11; 1995 c 164 s 22; 2000 c 460 s 49; 2001 c 10 s 4; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 5 s 26,27; 2005 c 147 art 5 s 17