



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:079

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE NASHVILLE AREA SUBSTANCE ABUSE
CERTIFICATION BOARD (NASACB) BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the International Certification /Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) and sanctioned by the Indian Health Service (IHS) Nashville Area Office (NAO) the Nashville Area Substance Abuse Certification Board (NASACB) was established by the USET Board of Directors via resolution number 2/95 – 151 IMP on February 23, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the NASACB follows ICRC universal standards for member certification boards as a baseline for the certification of substance abuse counselors, specialists and associates credentialing and for granting reciprocity; and

WHEREAS, the NASACB would like to begin accepting certification credits earned through distance learning, however the current NASACB Bylaws do not contain guidance regarding distance-learning credits for certification of substance abuse professionals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors accepts and approves the proposed amendment to the NASACB Bylaws (copy attached) thereby allowing the use and acceptance of distance learning credits for certification.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Marksville, LA Thursday, May 24, 2001.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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Distance Learning Credits

Distance Learning is defined as "Learning or education received in an environment in which the student and the teacher/instructor are physically separated." Examples: Courses available on the internet and courses available via video broadcast/video cassettes.

The Nashville Area Substance Abuse Certification Board (NASACB) will accept Distance Learning credits in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The course must be structured so that students have access to the instructor for questions and assistance related to the course and course assignments.
2. Distance Learning will be applied to certification renewal only.
3. Distance Learning will not comprise more than 40% or 24 hours of the total hours required for the applied certification renewal.
4. Each course will include a written evaluation of performance and/or participation.
5. All certificates of completion must show that the course was a Distance Learning experience. It is the certification renewal applicant's responsibility to ensure that the certificate is labeled as Distance Learning. Failure to do so will void the training and could result in disciplinary actions from the NASACB.
6. NASACB reserves the right to evaluate the course(s) and approve or disapprove regardless of decisions made by other ICRC Boards.
7. The NASACB staff shall apply the following requirements when evaluating a particular course:
 - A. The course must match the certification needs
 - B. Content must be appropriate.
 - C. The instructional design must be acceptable.
8. Decisions made by the NASACB staff shall be final.
9. The NASACB will always consider courses offered by an accredited institution of higher learning or a course approved by a reciprocal ICRC member board.