



## CASAC Initial Certification 350 Course

Hello! I would like to introduce you to the Helio Health Training Institute!

The Helio Health Training Institute is an approved OASAS Training provider for the delivery of the full CASAC 350 hour training for CASAC Certification.

Please note, in each module, there are additional assignments and tests to complete outside of class time and students are expected to meet grading and attendance standards in order to pass the course. Additional sections may be added to this schedule as needed.

Please note that completion of 350 certification classes will **not** count toward the work hours requirement that is set by OASAS and varies depending on your qualifications. Further information on this can be found on the OASAS website: <https://oasas.ny.gov/credentialing/alcoholism-and-substance-abuse-counselor-casac>

If you have already submitted an application to OASAS and only require certain parts of a module or modules, we can work with you to tailor the program to meet your needs. Our hourly rates are \$12 for employees and \$17 for the general public. If you only need certain hours, please contact us to discuss schedules and needed hours/sections.

Finally, we recognize that taking these courses is a significant financial investment. We are able to help by offering payment plans should the need arise. In order to inquire about a payment plan, please indicate this when completing this application. Our payment plans are tailored to each student and carry no interest. Payment plans split the cost of each section into monthly or bi-weekly payments. Payment plans only run for the duration of each section (e.g. if your section runs from January until May, you will make six monthly payments, starting with 30 days prior to the start of classes.)

If a payment plan is still beyond your means, you might consider one of our grant opportunities, or contacting either ACCES-VR or CNY Works to inquire about funding through those organizations. Both organizations have funded students in the past. *Please note if using a third party payer (e.g. ACCES-VR) you need to attach a payment verification letter to this application for it to be processed.*

Unfortunately, as a private training institute we are unable to accept other student loans to cover the cost of CASAC training at this time.

I hope this answers some of your questions. Feel free to contact me via email for additional info.



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# What CASAC option is best for *you*?

	In-Person CASAC Syracuse, NY	100% Virtual CASAC (V1)	100% Virtual CASAC (V2)	HRSA SUPERCARE	Department of Labor's Reimagine Workforce Grant
Schedule (Days/Time)	T & Th 2x per week 5pm-8pm	M & W 2x per week 5pm-8pm	T & Th 2x per week 5pm-8pm	M, T, W, Th, F 5X per week 8:30am-11:30am	T, W, Th 3X per week 8:30am-4:30pm
Hours Per Week Committment	6 hours	6 hours	6 hours	15 hours	24 hours
Average # of Months to Complete	14-16 months on average	14-16 months on average	14-16 months on average	24 months	3 1/2 months
Virtual or In-Person	In-Person (Syracuse, NY)	100% Live-Virtual	100% Live-Virtual	Hybrid	In-Person (Syracuse, NY)
Payment Options	Self-Pay, Helio Health Employee Scholarship, ACCES-VR, OASAS	Self-Pay, Helio Health Employee Scholarship, ACCES-VR, OASAS	Self-Pay, Helio Health Employee Scholarship, ACCES-VR, OASAS	Grant Funded (no out of pocket cost)	Grant Funded (no out of pocket cost)
Internship Required?	120 Hours (for OASAS Grant <b>ONLY</b> )	120 Hours (for OASAS Grant <b>ONLY</b> )	120 Hours (for OASAS Grant <b>ONLY</b> )	500 Hours	None
Apprenticeship Required?	No	No	No	Yes - 2000 Hours	No
Stipend Availability?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Next Available Start Date	Section 3 - 11/7/23 Section 4 - 2/20/24	Section 1 - 10/23/23 Section 3 - 1/8/24	Section 1 - 10/24/23 Section 2 - 3/5/24	March 2024	January 2024

# PAYMENT OPTIONS EXPLAINED

## **Employee Scholarship (Helio Health colleagues only)**

Programs of Helio Health may cover the cost of the training. Applicants need to speak to their direct supervisor to discuss this option as scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis and must be supported by the program budget.

Applicants are required to work for Helio Health, Inc. for 1 year after completing all 350 hours of education. If the staff person does not, they are responsible for repayment.

Scholarship paperwork can be found here:

G Drive: Agency Forms -> Human Resources -> CASAC Divisional Scholarship Form

## **Employee Payroll Deduction (Helio Health colleagues only)**

Employee rate for training is taken out of bi-weekly paycheck over the course of the program. Total cost will vary, but on average for all 4 sections over 16 months, this is roughly \$120 per paycheck.

## **Self-Pay via Credit/Debit online or Check via mail**

We offer payment plans to break up the cost of the program into smaller bi-weekly or monthly payments over the duration of the program.

## **Funding via ACCESS-VR or Workforce Program**

Student is responsible for securing this payment source

# GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS

## HRSA SUPERCARE

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## DOL REIMAGINE

This grant is funded through the New York State Department of Labor Re-imagine Workforce Preparation grant. Must be Onondaga County resident to qualify.

## OASAS SCHOLARSHIP

To qualify, must submit additional documentation. Please reach out to [training@helio.health](mailto:training@helio.health) to obtain the necessary documents:

- Addiction Professionals Scholarship Program Application Form
- Employment Verification Form (for applicants who selected one of the\*\* employment options above)
- Three (3) Reference Forms/Letters of Recommendation on affiliate letterhead clearly indicating the signatory's credentials/title/qualifications to write on the applicant's behalf (Employment Verification Form may be submitted in lieu of one (1) Reference Form/Letter of Recommendation and is REQUIRED for any applicants who are working in an OASAS/OMH/DOH-certified setting and/or within a setting along the addictions continuum of care at the time of application\*\*)
- Personal Statement (for individuals not currently employed in the addictions field\*\*\*).

Priority admissions will be based on current employment status for any applicants who are working in an OASAS/OMH/DOH-certified setting.

# CASAC Application Form

To apply for any of the Helio Health Training Institute's CASAC Training Programs, the application is available through the following link:

[Click here to apply](#)

Please complete the online application form and email [Training@Helio.Health](mailto:Training@Helio.Health) with any required documentation.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email us and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you for choosing the Helio Health Training Institute!



For more information,  
please contact Training Institute at  
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