



Council on Sex Offender Treatment
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Thank you for requesting an application to become a **Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP)** or **Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Provider (ASOTP)**. Enclosed is an application form and the State Standards for the Treatment of Sex Offenders.

You must fulfill the following to be eligible to apply:

- physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, psychological associate, provisionally licensed psychologist, licensed professional counselor, licensed professional counselor intern, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed marriage and family associate, licensed clinical social worker, licensed master social worker under a TSBSWE's approved clinical supervision plan, or advanced practice registered nurse recognized as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, and who provides the treatment of sex offenders and/or juveniles who commit sexual offenses. **(You must provide a copy your primary license for verification) Reference CSOT Rules & Regulations Section §810.3; License Required**
- if applying for an LSOTP, you must possess a minimum of 1000 documented and verified hours of clinical experience while under the supervision of a council approved supervisor in the areas of assessment and treatment of sex offenders, **obtained within the past 7-year period**
- provide **one** reference letter from **an LSOTP** who has actual knowledge of the applicant's clinical work in sex offender assessment and treatment;
- if applying for an LSOTP, you must possess a minimum of 40 documented continuing education hours in **sex offender assessment and treatment, obtained within three years prior to the application date**. Of the initial 40 hours of required training, 30 hours shall be in sex offender assessment and treatment and 10 hours shall be in sexual assault victim related training. Continuing education activities shall be instructor-directed activities such as conferences, symposia, seminars, and workshops. **Online courses are not acceptable**. Courses taken at an institution of higher learning shall be pre-approved by the Council. The Council will only accept continuing education hours that are specific to sex offender assessment and treatment and sexual assault victim related training. **Continuing Education Certificates must be provided;**
- if applying for an ASOTP status you **shall** submit a Contract of Supervision form designating an LSOTP as a supervisor, and
- ALL** applicants **shall** have a criminal background check done by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation unless exempt under TAC 810.34(b). Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas **FAST** form provided. Both criminal histories will be completed from this.
- FEES** \$375 per biennial application.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact us at **(512) 834-4530** or **csot@dshs.state.tx.us**.