



Council on Sex Offender Treatment  
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Thank you for requesting an application to become a **Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) /Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Provider (ASOTP)/ Provisional Sex Offender Treatment Provider (PSOTP)**. 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:

- licensed in Texas to practice as a 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 an advanced nurse practitioner recognized as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner **(You must provide a copy your primary license for verification) Reference CSOT Rules & Regulations Section § 810.3; License Required**
- possess a minimum of 1,000 hours of clinical experience in the area of assessment and treatment of sex offenders for a Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) status; 250 hours for Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Provider (ASOTP) status; or 0 to 1000 hours for Provisional Sex Offender Treatment Provider (PSOTP).
- provide **one** reference letter from an LSOTP or mental health professional who has actual knowledge of the applicant's clinical work in sex offender assessment and treatment;
- possess a minimum of 40 documented continuing education hours in **sex offender treatment** . Of the initial 40 hours training required, 30 hours or 75% shall be in sex offender assessment and treatment. Ten hours shall be in sexual assault issues and/or sexual assault **victim** related training, **obtained within three years from application date**. Continuing education activities: Continuing education activities shall be instructor-directed activities such as conferences, symposia, seminars and workshops and shall be accepted or approved for continuing education credits by the licensing agencies regulating professionals listed in TAC 810.3 of this title (relating to Registry Criteria). Online courses and 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 treatment/sexual assault survivor issues. For **Provisional** applicants, the 40 hours of continuing education must be obtained within **24 months** from the date of application in the specific area of sex offender assessment and treatment and sexual assault victim related training. **Continuing Education Certificates must be provided**;
- if applying for an ASOTP or PSOTP 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**.