

## **Dr. J. Keith Killian, D.O., LADC-MH | Advances Addiction Psychiatry, Behavioral Health Edu. & Co-Occurring Treatment**

Distinguished Physician, Educator, and Addiction Specialist Shaping Clinical Practice, Policy, and Graduate-Level Training in Substance Abuse Studies and Integrated Mental Health Care



**Edmond, Oklahoma Jun 4, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.Issuewire.com))** - Dr. J. Keith Killian, D.O., LADC-MH, AASAT, I.C.&R.C., NCGCII, is a distinguished physician, educator, and addiction specialist with decades of experience spanning psychiatry, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, and higher

education. As a tenured professor and Director of the Master's Program in Substance Abuse Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma, he has played a pivotal role in advancing addiction counseling education and strengthening co-occurring disorder treatment across Oklahoma and beyond.

Dr. Killian's multidisciplinary expertise bridges medicine, psychiatry, counseling, neuropharmacology, and public health advocacy. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma before completing his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He then went on to complete a medical internship at Riverside Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, followed by a psychiatric residency at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, affiliated with Cherokee Mental Health Institute in Iowa, where he specialized in forensic and general psychiatry with a subspecialty in neurology. His academic background also includes studies in biology, chemistry, and theology, contributing to his holistic understanding of behavioral health, addiction science, and human development.

Throughout his career, Dr. Killian has served in numerous clinical leadership roles across hospitals, correctional systems, and behavioral health treatment centers. As Clinical Director and Programs Manager for Gateway to Prevention and Recovery in Oklahoma, he oversaw extensive outpatient treatment programs, correctional rehabilitation services, and community-based addiction initiatives. His clinical focus has included co-occurring disorders, neuropharmacology, gambling addiction, and integrated mental health treatment models.

Dr. Killian has also worked extensively as an inpatient psychiatrist, educator, consultant, and expert presenter for national and international audiences. His professional contributions reflect a consistent commitment to advancing evidence-based care and improving outcomes for individuals impacted by addiction and mental illness.

When reflecting on what he values most in his work, Dr. Killian emphasizes mentorship and hands-on clinical engagement.

"I most enjoy supervising individuals through their licensing process," he explained. "I typically oversee 15 to 20 professionals at a time, which allows me to stay actively engaged in both mentorship and clinical practice. Addiction science has advanced significantly over the past 15 years, particularly in understanding neurobiological mechanisms. I value translating that knowledge into supervision and teaching, and showing students—many of whom are in recovery themselves—that transformation is possible."

In addition to his clinical and academic leadership, Dr. Killian is a widely published scholar and international presenter. He has contributed to curricula and research in addiction treatment, adolescent neurology, psychopharmacology, and co-occurring disorders. His presentations have been delivered across the United States as well as internationally in Australia, South Korea, Japan, and Canada.

Dr. Killian has also been recognized for his leadership in behavioral health education and addiction studies through multiple awards, scholarships, and professional honors. He has served on editorial boards, legislative committees, and national professional organizations dedicated to advancing addiction counseling and mental health treatment standards.

Beyond academia and clinical practice, Dr. Killian has played an influential role in policy development and professional regulation. He previously served as Chairman of the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors and contributed to legislative efforts expanding access to addiction treatment and co-occurring disorder services.

Through his continued work in education, clinical supervision, public speaking, and policy advocacy, Dr. J. Keith Killian remains a leading voice in addiction psychiatry and behavioral health reform, shaping the future of integrated mental health care and professional training.

**Learn more about Dr. J. Keith Killian:**

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