



Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate

Program Code:

SAC

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

Program Statement

The goal of this program is bimodal: The program will provide students the opportunity to prepare for positions as Substance Abuse Counselors as well as meet the education and supervised clinical experiences that are required to qualify for licensure for Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor that is offered through the Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counseling Certification.

Program Information

- This program prepares students to recognize and respond to the challenges of Substance Abuse Counseling in varied settings.
- Students understand ethical implications of working in the field of Substance Abuse Counseling.
- Students gain skills necessary to work effectively with this population in a myriad of settings.
- Hands on experience in the field allows students the opportunity to accrue the number of hours of experience needed before licensing.
- All courses apply to the Associate in Science in General Studies, Humanities and Arts Studies.

After Bristol

- This program is designed to prepare students to work in the field of Substance Abuse Counseling.
- Students who complete the program and pass the CADC will be prepared for a myriad of positions including: Individual and familial counseling with persons living with addiction; group counseling; case management; inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation facilities; psycho-educational and prevention work in the community.
- This certificate program will prepare students who wish to further their education in psychology, human services and sociology.

Program Requirements



| Course # | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|---|----------------|
| ENG 101 | Composition I: College Writing | 3 |
| PSY 101 | General Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 255 | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 281 | The Effects of Drugs on the Body & Mind | 3 |
| PSY 287 | Introduction to Addiction Studies | 3 |
| SAC 255 | Counseling in the Community and Case Management | 3 |
| SAC 260 | Introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling | 3 |
| SAC 265 | Family Therapy in Substance Abuse Treatment | 3 |
| SAC 290 | Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum I | 2 |
| SAC 291 | Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum II | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|---|----------------|
| ENG 101 | Composition I: College Writing | 3 |
| PSY 101 | General Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 281 | The Effects of Drugs on the Body & Mind | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|---|----------------|
| PSY 255 | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| SAC 255 | Counseling in the Community and Case Management | 3 |
| PSY 287 | Introduction to Addiction Studies | 3 |
| SAC 265 | Family Therapy in Substance Abuse Treatment | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

| Course # | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--|----------------|
| SAC 290 | Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum I | 2 |
| SAC 260 | Introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling | 3 |

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

| Course # | Title | Credits |
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| SAC 291 | Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum II | 3 |
| Total credits: | | 29 |