

# Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling



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Addiction counselors are professional counselors who provide individual counseling, group counseling, and educational services to individuals and families experiencing the effects of alcohol- and drug-abuse addictions.

## What will I learn?

The curriculum provides the theory, skills, and knowledge necessary for a career in the field of chemical dependency counseling. This program will prepare students to work in human services, mental health, and addiction counseling settings.

The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Mental Health Services prepares students for credentialing as Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors (LCDCs) and to sit for that competency-based exam. The Prevention Specialist Certificate exceeds state-mandated education requirements for credentialing as a Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) and prepares students to sit for a competency-based exam for that credential.

In order to sit for the LCDC exam, students must have a minimum of a two-year degree and at least 270 contact hours (6 courses in alcohol and drug abuse counseling or related courses of 3 credit hours each). In addition, candidates for licensure must have completed at least 300 hours of supervised fieldwork in approved cooperative education, clinical or practicum course. The candidate for licensure must also have 4000 hours of experience in substance abuse counseling prior to sitting for the exam. The student is responsible for the 4000 hours of fieldwork. The Certificate of Completion in Substance Abuse Prevention consists of 6 DAAC courses, 2 specific prevention

courses, plus a 120-hour supervised cooperative education class. After the cooperative education class, the student is a candidate for the Certified Prevention Specialist credentialing exam.

## **What can I do with this course of study?**

- Hospitals
- Homeless shelters
- Jails and prisons
- Social welfare agencies
- Residential and outpatient therapy
- Drug and alcohol treatment centers
- High schools
- Colleges

## **AAS: MHS Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling**

**Foundations:** These are the courses students need in order to progress in their career/college pathway, as they either provide a certificate or lay the groundwork for moving to the next set of courses.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Counts Toward Certificate</b>
DAAC 1304	Pharmacology of Addiction	CA1, SAP1
DAAC 1319	Substance Related and Addictive Disorders	CA1, SAP1
DAAC 1311	Counseling Theories	CA1
DAAC 1317	Basic Counseling Skills	CA1, SAP1
DAAC 1309	Assessment Skill of Alcohol and Drug Addiction	CA1
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	

**Knowledge Building:** These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the degree completion.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Counts Toward Certificate</b>
DAAC 2306	Substance Abuse Prevention I	SAP1
DAAC 2354	Dynamics of Group Counseling	CA1
DAAC 2353	Substance Abuse Prevention II	SAP1
DAAC 1380	Cooperative Education: Substance Abuse Prevention	SAP1

DAAC 2341	Counseling Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions	CA1
PSYC 2301	Introduction to Psychology	
SBS/HIS/GOVT	Suggested: SOCI 1301 Other Core Options: any SBS/HIST/GOVT	
SOCW 2361	Introduction to Social Work	SAP1
SPCH 1311 OR RSPCH 1318	Introduction to Speech Communication OR Interpersonal Communication	

**Completion: These are the courses the student needs in order to complete the degree plan and prepare to enter the workforce.**

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
DAAC 2307	Addicted Family Intervention	CA1
DAAC 2343	Current Issues	CA1
DAAC 2380	Cooperative Education: Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling	CA1
Math/Life or Physical Sciences	Suggested: MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 Other Core options: Sciences	
Creative Arts/Language, Philosophy and Culture	Suggested: HUMA 1301, HUMA 2319 Other Options: any CA/LPC	

## **CA1: Certificate of Completion — Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling**

**Foundations: These are the courses students need in order to progress in their career/college pathway, as they either provide a certificate or lay the groundwork for moving to the next set of courses.**

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
DAAC 1304	Pharmacology of Addiction	CA1
DAAC 1319	Substance Related and Addictive Disorders	CA1
DAAC 1311	Counseling Theories	CA1
DAAC 1317	Basic Counseling Skills	CA1

DAAC 1309	Assessment Skill of Alcohol and Drug Addiction	CA1
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**Knowledge Building: These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the degree/certificate completion.**

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
DAAC 2354	Dynamics of Group Counseling	CA1
DAAC 2341	Counseling Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions	CA1

**Completion: These are the courses the student needs in order to complete the degree plan and prepare to enter the workforce.**

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
DAAC 2307	Addicted Family Intervention	CA1
DAAC 2343	Current Issues	CA1
DAAC 2380	Cooperative Education: Substance Abuse/ Addiction Counseling	CA1

## **SAP1: Certificate of Completion — Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Foundations: These are the courses students need in order to progress in their career/college pathway, as they either provide a certificate or lay the groundwork for moving to the next set of courses.**

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
DAAC 1304	Pharmacology of Addiction	SAP1
DAAC 1319	Substance Related and Addictive Disorders	SAP1
DAAC 1317	Basic Counseling Skills	SAP1

**Knowledge Building: These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the certificate and/or degree completion.**

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
DAAC 2306	Substance Abuse Prevention I	SAP1
DAAC 2353	Substance Abuse Prevention II	SAP1

DAAC 1380	Cooperative Education: Substance Abuse Prevention	SAP1
SOCW 2361	Introduction to Social Work	SAP1

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