



Alcohol and Drug Counseling, CERT

CER-ALDC; CIP Code 51.1501]

Certificate Program

In today's society there is a growing vital need for compassionate counselors specializing in the field of alcohol and drugs. This program enhances the student's natural ability to interact with others, and that capacity is refined into a valuable skill with rewarding professional opportunities. Students will receive the practical and theoretical education necessary for success professionally or at a four-year college. The New Jersey Department of Labor Workforce Development, Labor Market Demand Occupation list on Substance Abuse Counseling indicates a growing employment demand in the field of alcohol and drug counseling. The future trend indicates an increase in this field of counseling.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- Identify and analyze the chronic effects of abuses and addiction associated with alcohol and drugs.
- Describe the principles of accepted practices for alcohol and drug awareness counseling.
- Illustrate preventive methods and interventions for alcohol and drug addictions.
- Discuss the role of the counselor for alcohol and drug counseling.
- Locate, retrieve and critically evaluate information and information sources related to the profession.

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FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> ENG 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 101 General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 101 Principles of Sociology	3
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Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 200 Understanding Addictive Behavior	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 235 Social Psychological Counseling	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 240 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
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SECOND YEAR – Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 230 Abnormal Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 206 Psychopharmacology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 241 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 222 Alcohol & Drug Field Work	3
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TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 30

Program Notes

Fieldwork I is designed to give the student a veridical understanding of alcohol and drug practice. Students volunteer at various local drug and alcohol agencies*. The focus is on addiction as a disease as well as environmental contributions to the addiction. The effects on the individual and family will be covered in addition to other support systems for those affected by addictions. A LCADC (License Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor) at the agency directs and monitors the students' activities 90 hours during the semester.

- 90 hours of field experience required.