

**Academic Certificate**

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Alcohol & Drug Counseling

**Curriculum Code:**

**ALC.DRUG.CNSL.AC**

**Program Information**

In today's society there is a growing vital need for compassionate counselors specializing in the field of alcohol and drugs. The program enhances your natural ability to interact with others, and that capacity is refined into a valuable skill with rewarding professional opportunities. You'll 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 increase in this field of counseling.

**When You Graduate**

Certificate programs provide specific career skills development as well as the opportunity to test an area of interest, or enhance a degree program. Students who complete a certificate program can continue to obtain a degree. Graduates will be able to pursue a certificate in alcohol and drug counseling in the state of New Jersey with the completion of field work hours. The number of field work hours required is two years in an approved agency under supervision of a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. Once approved, an oral and written examination will follow through the State Certification Board. Graduates of the program may also further their education by transferring into an Associate's level Social Services degree.

This program is designed for students who have an interest in becoming compassionate counselors specializing in the field of alcohol and drugs.

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# Alcohol & Drug Counseling, AC

Program Requirements (33 credits)

Credits

**Year 1, Fall Semester**

<input type="checkbox"/> EN 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SO 201 Introductory Sociology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 101 General Psychology	3
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**Year 1, Spring Semester**

<input type="checkbox"/> CS 101 Introduction to Microcomputers or CS 102 Applications on the Microcomputer	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 202 Understanding Addictive Behavior	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 212 Social Psychological Counseling	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SO 217 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I	3
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**Year 2, Fall Semester**

<input type="checkbox"/> CJ 213 Criminal Psychopathology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 205 Psychopharmacology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SO 220 Introduction to Social Welfare & Social Work	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SO 223 Alcohol & Drug Field Work	3
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**Total Credits 33**

**Upon completion of this program, students should 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 prevention 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.

Employment Opportunities  
Alcohol & Drug Counselor

Gainful Employment Link  
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