



Alcohol & Drug Counseling

• CIP code 511501 • 18 credits • Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor (LADC)

Program Description

Alcohol & Drug Counseling is for students seeking professional training in substance abuse/addictions treatment, education and prevention, leading to certification or licensure.

Learning Outcomes

Students become familiar with addictions counseling, its professional ethics, and its role in society. They learn the 12 core functions of an addictions counselor: screening, intake orientation, assessment, treatment planning, referrals, reports and record keeping, and consultation with other professionals. They know and apply current theory and research in their field, and gain sufficient knowledge for competent interdisciplinary counseling practice. They exhibit socially conscious behaviors, critical thinking, and effective communication skills in their work with individuals, caregivers, families, staff, and other professionals.

Careers

Addictions counseling professionals help people through public health agencies, youth services, residential treatment programs, hospitals, outpatient substance abuse programs, and homeless shelters.

Instructional Delivery

This program is offered as a hybrid program in Massachusetts. With the exception of the Practicum course, required courses are also available in a 100% asynchronous online format.

Courses

ADC 505 Alcohol & Drugs in Society	3
ADC 611 Family Treatment of Substance Abuse	3
ADC 601 Role of the Professional in Alcohol & Drug Treatment.....	3
ADC 625 Psychopharmacology in Addictions Treatment	3
ADC 642 Addiction Counseling	3
ADC 521 Practicum Seminar in Alcohol & Drug Counseling.....	3

Practicum

Includes 300 hours of supervised practical experience in an approved substance abuse treatment program with appropriate supervision in the 12 core functions. The experience and supervisor qualifications must meet 262 CMR criteria to be accepted into an M.Ed. program.

Students who previously completed any of the listed courses shall consult with the program chair for substitute course work to meet the requirement of 18 credits.

Admission requirements: Bachelor's, or higher degree and other Education & Counseling requirements (see Admissions) including:

- Interview with and approval of the Admissions Committee.
- Current résumé.
- Two professional recommendations.

These courses may be accepted into a Cambridge College master's degree program. Courses must meet current program requirements at time of matriculation.

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(All courses @ 3 credits.)