



Graduate Certificate

Alcohol & Drug Counseling

19 credits • Certified Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor (CADAC) • Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor (LADC)

ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING is for students seeking professional training in substance abuse/addictions treatment, education and prevention, leading to certification or licensure.

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

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.

Courses

ADC510	Ethics & Boundaries for Substance Abuse Professionals	1
ADC505	Alcohol & Drugs in Society	3
ADC611	Family Treatment of Substance Abuse.	3
ADC601	Role of the Professional in Alcohol & Drug Treatment. . .	3
ADC625	Psychopharmacology in Addictions Treatment	3
ADC642	Addiction 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 MEd.

ADC521	Practicum Seminar in Alcohol & Drug Counseling	3
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Admission requirements

- High school diploma, GED or bachelor's degree.
- Interview with and approval of program director.

Transfer credit — These graduate-level certificate courses may be evaluated for transfer into a Cambridge College degree program. Courses must meet current program requirements and credit limits at time of matriculation.

- Applicants with a bachelor's degree may request transfer into a master's degree program.
- Applicants without a bachelor's degree may request portfolio evaluation of these courses for transfer toward a bachelor's degree program.

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