



Post-Baccalaureate Certificate or Pre-Baccalaureate Certificate

## 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.

### 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:** High school diploma/GED, bachelor's, or higher degree and other School of Psychology & Counseling requirements.(see Admissions) Including:

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

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

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(All courses @ 3 credits.)