



Undergraduate Pre-Baccalaureate or Graduate Post-Baccalaureate 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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See course descriptions under the School of Psychology and Counseling.

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 and acceptance by the dean.
- 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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