

ADDICTION COUNSELING (CERTIFICATE T0658)

Technology and Health Division

Certificate T0658

In this program the student integrates theory and practical experience in developing skills necessary to work with persons with addiction disorders, their families, and employers. The curriculum is designed to meet the credentialing requirements of the California Association of Alcohol/Drug Educators and the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals. Students who complete this option qualify for employment in a variety of addiction treatment settings.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
AD 1	Alcohol and Drug Dependency	3
AD 2	Physiological Effects of Alcohol and Drugs	3
AD 3	Addiction: Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery	3
AD 4	Issues in Domestic Violence	3
AD 6	Co-Occurring Disorders	3
AD 8	Group Process and Leadership	3
AD 9	Family Counseling	3
AD 10	Case Management and Documentation	3
AD 11	Techniques of Interviewing and Counseling	3
AD 15A	Introduction to Laws and Ethics for Addiction Counselors	1
AD 15B	Law and Ethics for Addiction Counselors	1
AD 82A	Work Experience in Addiction Counseling A	2
AD 82B	Work Experience in Addiction Counseling B	2
Required Electives		
Choose two from the following:		6
CHLD 10 or CHLD 10H	Child Growth and Lifespan Development Child Growth and Lifespan Development - Honors	
NF 10	Nutrition for Health and Wellness	
NF 25 or NF 25H	Introduction to Nutrition Science Introduction to Nutrition Science - Honors	
PSYC 1A or PSYC 1AH	Introduction to Psychology Introduction to Psychology - Honors	
PSYC 1B	Biological Psychology	
PSYC 14 or PSYC 14H	Developmental Psychology Developmental Psychology - Honors	
PSYC 15	Introduction to Child Psychology	
PSYC 17	Introduction to Human Services	
PSYC 19	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 20	Introduction to Social Psychology	
PSYC 25	The Psychology of Women	
PSYC 26	Psychology of Sexuality	
PSYC 33	Psychology for Effective Living	
SOC 1 or SOC 1H	Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Sociology - Honors	
SOC 2 or SOC 2H	Contemporary Social Problems Contemporary Social Problems - Honors	
SOC 4	Introduction to Gerontology	
SOC 5 or SOC 5H	Introduction to Criminology Introduction to Criminology - Honors	
SOC 7	Religion, Culture, and Change	

SOC 14 or SOC 14H	Marriage and the Family Marriage and the Family - Honors
SOC 15	Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence
SOC 20 or SOC 20H	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity Introduction to Race and Ethnicity - Honors
SOC 36	Pacific Islands' and Asian American Communities
SOC 40 or SOC 40H	Introduction to Sex and Gender Roles Introduction to Sex and Gender Roles - Honors
Total Units	39

Addiction Counseling Website (<https://www.mtsac.edu/mental-health/addiction-counseling/>)

Selection Procedure

All classes are open to all students who meet admission requirements and course prerequisites.

Working Environment

May be exposed to infectious and contagious disease, without prior notification

Regularly exposed to the risk of blood borne diseases

Exposed to hazardous agents, body fluids and wastes

Exposed to odorous chemicals and specimens

Subject to hazards of flammable, explosive gases

Subject to burns and cuts

Contact with patients having different religious, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, psychological and physical disabilities, and under a wide variety of circumstances

Handle emergency or crisis situations

Subject to many interruptions

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Special Instructions

Restricted Electives must be taken prior to enrollment in Field Experience and can be taken in conjunction with core and skills courses.

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English Language Skills

Although proficiency in English is not a criterion for admission, students are encouraged to be able to speak, write and read English to complete classes successfully and to ensure safety for themselves and others.

The Alcohol and Drug Counseling program is accredited by the California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators and the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals.

Contact:

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California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
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Long Beach, CA 90805
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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Be technically competent to safely practice as an entry-level alcohol & drug counselor.
- Demonstrate an understanding of ethical & legal requirements for alcohol & drug counselors.
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- Demonstrate competency in basic counseling skills commensurate with an entry level practitioner in the addictions counseling field.
- Demonstrate the ability to assess, intervene, and refer clients with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorder to appropriate resources.
- Students completing the certificate/associates degree program will demonstrate the ability to prepare and develop professional treatment plans and other clinical documentation.

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.