

Addiction Studies • College of Social Sciences

About the Program

The Certificate of Completion in Addiction Studies:

- Develops knowledge of the causes of chemical dependency and effects on individuals, families, groups, and communities
- Prepares interested persons for parts of the State of Michigan Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC-M, CAC-R, and CAAC) certification process
- Provides a certificate for career preparation, demonstrating knowledge and skills in chemical dependency treatment
- Offers credit for prior/experiential learning
- Provides 15 contact hours for each one credit hour class for Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC-M, CAC-R, and CAAC) certification and recertification

This certificate program may be taken during attendance at the University, after graduation, or without a college degree.

The certificate may be of special interest to students majoring in human services fields such as:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Education
- Criminal Justice
- Gerontology

Plan of Study

Certificate of Completion (12 s.h.)

Required Certificate Courses:

<i>PSY 1010</i>	General Psychology	3 s.h.
<i>AS 2000</i>	Addiction Studies: General Information	1 s.h.
<i>AS 3430</i>	Addiction Studies: Focus on the Individual	1 s.h.
<i>AS 3440</i>	Addiction Studies: Family Systems	1 s.h.
<i>AS</i>	Electives	<u>6 s.h.</u>
		12 s.h.

Goals: Addiction Studies Certificate Program

The student who completes a Certificate in Addiction Studies will be prepared to:

- Understand and apply a knowledge base that includes the biological, psychological, social and spiritual aspects of chemical dependency and recovery
- Counsel and advocate for clients with chemical dependency from a variety of socioeconomic levels, ethnic backgrounds and functional abilities
- Access appropriate community resources
- as necessary to enhance the psychosocial functioning of clients of chemical dependency treatment programs
- Recognize and develop high quality programs and resources
- Integrate personal values and professional responsibilities in the field of chemical dependency prevention and treatment
- Evaluate public policy related to chemical dependency intervention
- Demonstrate writing and research skills for professional assignments in the field of chemical dependency services

ADDICTION STUDIES (AS) COURSES

AS 2000 General Information 1 s.h.

Introduction to the field of addiction studies and the scope of chemical dependency issues in the United States. Definition of terms, review of different theories of addiction, examination of the disease concept of chemical dependency and of the continuum of care options for clients. Discussion of standards for ethical behavior in the field and opportunities for professional practice.

AS 2120 Special Populations 1 s.h.

Examination of the special needs, issues and interventions for diverse populations with chemical dependency problems: the scope of the problem, survey of ethnic and racial groups, cultural sensitivity, intervention approaches, and discussion of unique diversity issues in Southeastern Michigan.

AS 2450 Counseling Models 1 s.h.

Overview of counseling models used in the field of chemical dependency treatment: empathic understanding, case management, problem solving, use of cognitive-behavioral, solution-oriented and relapse prevention approaches.

AS 3390 Dual Diagnosis 1 s.h.

An introduction to understanding the assessment and treatment of individuals who have a dual disorder of mental illness and chemical dependency, including presentation of specific intervention strategies and program designs.

AS 3430 Focus on the Individual 1 s.h.

Identification of the individual with a chemical dependency disorder: the stages of addiction, assessment instruments, care management, and relapse prevention.



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AS 3440 Family Systems 1 s.h.
Chemical dependency and the family: analysis of family roles, rules, relationships, and rituals. Discussion of the dynamics of codependency, adult children of chemically dependent families, family violence, and resources for recovery.

AS 3460 Prevention 1 s.h.
An overview of current strategies used in prevention programs. Introduction to school-based and community programs on the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of prevention. Review of local, state, and national efforts including campus prevention.

AS 3540 AIDS 1 s.h.
An introduction to issues relevant to the chemical dependency treatment field as it encounters the impact of HIV/AIDS: factors related to treatment considerations, methods for reducing high-risk behaviors, prevention measures, high-risk groups, social interventions, and epidemiologic and psychiatric data. Also, pertinent information on the connection between drug usage and HIV/AIDS in the treatment field.

AS 3560 Grief and Loss 1 s.h.
The grief and loss issues that confront individuals in recovery: concerns such as family dysfunction, interpersonal loss, life review and repair, and life-style changes discussed in the context of chemical dependency treatment.

AS 3570 Staff and Program Development 1 s.h.
An introduction to developing effective chemical dependency treatment programs. Emphasis on program design, grant writing, funding, human resource development, team building, conflict resolution, and supervision.

AS 3610 Recovery and Spirituality 1 s.h.
Spirituality as a key element of chemical dependency treatment. Themes such as healing, forgiveness and acceptance discussed within the context of addiction and holistic recovery. Specific intervention strategies presented to deal with this vital therapeutic issue, including the Twelve Steps of Alcoholic Anonymous.

AS 3620 Adolescence 1 s.h.
Identification of issues unique to adolescent chemical dependence. Analysis of the stages of emotional growth and social development, effects on parents and siblings, and obstacles to treatment.

AS 3630 Older Adults 1 s.h.
The issues of chemical dependency and the older adult. Focus on assessment, psychosocial factors, treatment strategies, model program designs, and other community resources that address this high-risk client population.

AS 3650 Women 1 s.h.
Identification of the issues specifically related to women with addictions. Discussion include the emotional dynamics of guilt and shame, the impact of societal values, obstacles to treatment, and state-of-the-art intervention approaches.

AS 3760 Gambling Addiction 1 s.h.
An introduction to the dynamics of gambling as an addictive behavior: the scope of the problem, types of gamblers, state-of-the-art testing instruments, intervention strategies, and multi-faceted family issues. Special populations, such as adolescents and older adults are highlighted.

AS 3870 Neurobiology of Drug Addiction 1 s.h.
An overview of normal brain functioning and the influence of addictive drugs like heroin and cocaine on brain cells; the evidence for the brain's reward pathway as a crucial neural substrate for drug addiction; drug tolerance, dependence, and withdrawal defined in neurophysiological terms.

AS 4490 Planning and Treatment 1 s.h.
Introducing the procedures of planning and treatment in the field: assessment of problems, development of treatment plans, creation of behaviorally-specific goals and objectives, designing interventions and planning for the termination of treatment. Students learn skills in clinical problem solving and the documentation of interventions and outcomes.

AS 4930 Practicum 1-4 s.h.
An opportunity to pursue field work directly related to chemical dependency treatment. The experience includes observation, data collection, and direct service. A capstone course that integrates the content of the addiction studies courses with actual practice.

