



[SOCSALCCER; CIP Code 51.1501]

Certificate Program

In today's society there is a growing vital need for compassionate counselors specializing in the field of alcohol and drugs. This program enhances the student's natural ability to interact with others, and that capacity is refined into a valuable skill with rewarding professional opportunities. Students will receive the practical and theoretical education necessary for success professionally or at a four-year college. The New Jersey Department of Labor Workforce Development, Labor Market Demand Occupation list on Substance Abuse Counseling indicates a growing employment demand in the field of alcohol and drug counseling. The future trend indicates an increase in this field of counseling.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who have completed the program should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of alcohol and drug abuse
- Identify and analyze the chronic effects of abuses and addictions associated with alcohol and drugs
- Identify prevention methods and interventions for alcohol and drug addictions
- Conduct a mock interview with a person associated with alcohol or drug abuse
- Demonstrate professional/ethical responsibility in legal and cultural issues
- Locate, retrieve & critically evaluate information and information sources

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Alcohol and Drug Counseling, CERT

FIRST YEAR — Fall Semester

☐ ENGL 101 English Composition I <i>or</i> ENGL 101E Enhanced English Composition I	3-4
☐ PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
☐ SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
	9-10

Spring Semester

☐ PSYC 200 Understanding Addictive Behavior	3
☐ SOCI 212 Social Psychological Counseling	3
☐ SOCI 217 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
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SECOND YEAR — Fall Semester

☐ CRIM 221 Criminal Psychopathology	3
☐ PSYC 205 Psychopharmacology	3
☐ SOCI 218 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
☐ SOCI 222 Alcohol & Drug Field Work	3
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TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 30

Program Notes

Fieldwork is designed to give the student a veridical understanding of alcohol and drug practice. Students volunteer at various local drug and alcohol agencies. The focus is on addiction as a disease as well as environmental contributions to the addiction. The effects on the individual and family will be covered in addition to other support systems for those affected by addictions. A LCADC (License Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor) at the agency directs and monitors the students' activities 90 hours during the semester. 90 hours of field experience required.