

Substance Abuse Counselor

Associate of Applied Science

Minimum of 71 Credits

The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Substance Abuse Counselor will provide a student with a thorough background and experience in counseling techniques specific for substance abuse services. The substance abuse education and the accumulation of supervised experience will prepare an individual for the International Credential and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) licensing exam. Upon successful completion of the ICRC exam, the student may be eligible to gain employment in a variety substance abuse services. At the completion of the Associate of Applied Science degree the state of Wisconsin will recognize 500 hours of supervised experience toward the state license of a Substance Abuse Counselor-In Training (SAC-IT).

The Wisconsin State Legislature requires a thorough background check under the Caregiver Law § 48.685 and 50.065 Stats. Students may not be able to work in this field with certain legal convictions.

CORE REQUIREMENTS		(16-17 CREDITS)	COMPLETED	GRADE
COM100	Introduction to Oral Communication	3 cr.	_____	_____
GEN100	Student Success Strategies	3 cr.	_____	_____
GEN295	*Student Portfolio Seminar	1 cr.	_____	_____
ENG100	*Introduction to College English Foundations or	3 cr.	_____	_____
ENG101	*Introduction to College English		_____	_____
MAT104	*College Algebra Foundations or	3-4 cr.	_____	_____
MAT106	*College Algebra (or higher-level math course)		_____	_____
SDE100	Introduction to Sustainable Development	3 cr.	_____	_____
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		(11 CREDITS)		
Natural Science				
BIO110/BIO111	Introduction to Human Biology with Lab	5 cr.	_____	_____
Social Sciences				
PSY100	Introduction to Psychology	3 cr.	_____	_____
Humanities				
ANT200	Introduction to Native American Culture	3 cr.	_____	_____
EMPHASIS COURSE REQUIREMENTS		(44 CREDITS)		
HUS100	Overview of Substance Abuse Services	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS105	Professional Development & Clinical Ethics	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS125	Counseling Theories	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS160	Counseling Skills & Practice	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS180	Group Facilitation	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS190	*Psychopharmacology	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS200	Cross-Cultural Counseling	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS205	Assessment, Diagnosis, & Effective Treatment Planning	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS210	Understanding Addiction	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS220	Case & Records Management	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS250	Overview of Mental Health Disorders	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS260	Substance Abuse, Families & Trauma Informed Care	3 cr.	_____	_____
HUS270	Pre-Internship Seminar	1 cr.	_____	_____
HUS290	*Internship & Seminar	4 cr.	_____	_____
HUS295	*Advanced Internship & Seminar	3 cr.	_____	_____

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

1. Interview prospective candidate to determine client's eligibility for substance abuse services.
2. Follow the procedures for admission, signed documents and consents.
3. Describe the services, goals and rules of the program to the individual.
4. Administer & interpret comprehensive developmentally appropriate substance abuse assessments.
5. Formulate individualized treatment plans with the client based on their needs.
6. Implement evidence-based, culturally sensitive counseling techniques to engage client in their recovery.
7. Explain the rationale for coordinated services and resources to the client.
8. Recognize the elements of the client crisis events to enhance overall treatment.
9. Provide relevant information about available services and resources for the client.
10. Identify unmet needs of client and suggest a referral to appropriate resources.
11. Prepare reports and maintain records to facilitate client's recovery.
12. Consult with other professionals to provide effective treatment services.

Courses that have an asterisk () in front of them have a requisite. Students should refer to the college catalog and plan accordingly.*