



Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies

General Information

The Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies is an **interdisciplinary program** offered by the Department of Counselor Education (College of Education), and the Master of Health Science Program (College of Health Sciences). **The postgraduate certificate** is designed for professionals employed in substance abuse education, prevention or intervention settings. The goal of the certificate program is to prepare students for a variety of positions in the addiction field. The graduate certificate meets the didactic experiences required to become a nationally credentialed Master Addictions Counselor (MAC, if holding a Master's in Counseling), and an Idaho Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) or Advanced Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ACADC, if holding a related graduate degree).

Admission Requirements

Applicants are required to have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, to have completed COUN 545/MHLTHSCI 545—Foundations in Chemical Dependency or its equivalent, and must have achieved a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. However, these minimum requirements do not guarantee admission to the program. *Admission recommendations will be based upon a review of the student's transcripts and resume, letters of reference, Statement of Purpose, and interview.*

Application Procedure

An applicant should follow the general application procedures for graduate degree-seeking students (see Applying as a Degree-Seeking Student in the Graduate Admissions Policies and Procedures section of this catalog). In addition, an applicant must submit the following:

- Statement of Purpose explaining the student's motivation for pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies description of career interests;
- Up-to-date resume; three letters of reference, in which the applicant's academic potential is evaluated, to the appropriate Graduate Certificate Program Advisor. (For applicants who applied for a graduate program within three years, those references can be used.)

Once the applicant's file is complete, the Addiction Studies Graduate Certificate Committee will evaluate, interview, and an admission recommendation (regular, provisional, or denial) will be forwarded to the Program Directors (Chairs) of the Counselor Education and Health Science departments. In the case of a recommendation for provisional admission, the Committee will also establish the stipulations that must be satisfied by the student to advance to regular status. Admission to the Certificate in Addiction Studies does not guarantee subsequent admission to any other certificate or graduate programs.

Curriculum

A minimum of 18 credits is required for the completion of the Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies.

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Course Number and Title	Credits
COUN 541/ MHLTHSCI 544 Alcohol/Drug Abuse and the Family (offered every Fall and Spring semesters- Evening class once per week)	3
COUN 547/ MHLTHSCI 547 Chemical Addictions and Violence Prevention (offered every other Spring semester, even years – Evening class once per week)	3
COUN 543/ MHLTHSCI 543 Assessing and Managing Adolescent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Risks (offered every other Spring semester, odd years - Evening class once per week)	3
COUN 544/ MHLTHSCI 564 Assessment of Alcohol and Drug Problems, Part I (offered every Fall semester on internet and Afternoon class once per week)	3
COUN 546/ MHLTHSCI 565 Assessment of Alcohol and Drug Problems, Part II (offered every Spring semester - Afternoon class once per week)	3
COUN 550/MHLTHSCI 567 DSM IV: Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment Planning (offered every other Fall semester, odd years – Weekend class, three weekends)	2
COUN 567/ MHLTHSCI 568 Clinical Supervision Principles and Practice (offered every other Fall semester, even years– Weekend class, one weekends)	1

Course prerequisites or permission of the instructor must also be met.
Students who wish to enroll in courses other than those specified may do so by permission of the Addiction Studies Graduate Certificate Committee.
Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in all certification course work.

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