

Substance Abuse Counseling Education

Career Studies Certificate

Purpose: The Human Services program offers a career studies certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling Education designed to prepare students with the requisite professional knowledge, intervention skills, and values for delivering services in substance abuse counseling programs and addictions treatment. Courses in this curriculum can be used to meet the certification requirements of substance abuse counselors and substance abuse counseling assistants designated by the Health Professions Board of Counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Occupational Objectives: Graduates may be employed in a variety of settings, including, but not limited to hospital and residential-based treatment programs, community-based treatment programs, group homes, homeless shelters, residential halfway houses, and institutional and community-based juvenile and adult corrections.

Admission Requirements: General college curricular admission

Program Notes: In addition to the general college curricular admission requirements, an interview with the Human Services program head is recommended. While a face-to-face interview is preferable, an interview can also be conducted via telephone or electronic conference. Students should see their program advisor for information on the certification requirements of the Virginia Health Professions Board of Counseling for credentialing certified substance abuse counselors and certified substance abuse counselor assistants.

CURRICULUM				
COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
ENG 111 or CST 100	College Composition I or Principles of Public Speaking	3	0	3
HLT 121	Introduction to Drug Use and Abuse	3	0	3
HMS 260	Substance Abuse Counseling	3	0	3
HMS 220	Addiction and Prevention	3	0	3
HMS 270	Treatment Systems	3	0	3
HMS 258	Case Management and Substance Abuse	3	0	3
HMS 266	Counseling Psychology	3	0	3
HMS 290	Coordinated Internship in Human Services	0	15	3
TOTAL		21	15	24
Total Minimum Credits for Career Studies Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling Education				24