

DARS' Graduate Certificate Programs Disclaimer

DARS' graduate certificate programs are educational programs. Upon completion of a certificate program, students receive a certificate which is a document that attests to the fact that a student has completed an educational specialty program of study at an institution of higher education. While the completion of a certificate program can lead to professional credentials (e.g., Certificated Substance Abuse Counselor, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor), completion of a certificate program in itself does not constitute having a professional credential. In other words, for example, completing DARS' certificate program in substance abuse counseling does not make one a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. Professional certifications and licenses are governed by boards empowered via State laws and/or professional organizations and commissions. Making the claim of having a professional credential based on completing one of our certificate programs would be unethical and illegal. Below is a model for listing certificate programs versus professional credentials on a resume/vita.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

North Carolina

Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (#5555). Expires July 2016.

Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (#9999). Expires December 2017.

National

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (#00022335). Expires March 2020.

Professional Vocational Evaluator (#445577). Expires October 2018.

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Certificate program in Military and Trauma Counseling (12 credit hours). East Carolina University, Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies. Completed May 2015.

Certificate program in Substance Abuse Counseling (12 credit hours). East Carolina University, Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies. Anticipated completion by December 2016.

Certificate program in Rehabilitation Counseling (12 credit hours). East Carolina University, Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies. Completed August 2013.

Certificate program in Vocational Evaluation (12 credit hours). East Carolina University, Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies. Anticipated completion by May 2017.