

Military and Trauma Certificate Program Equivalency for DARS Alumni

Program Description

East Carolina University's Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation (DARS) recognizes the unique cultural differences between providing community mental health versus military mental health counseling services. In response to the emerging military culture in North Carolina, on January 2014, ECU approved the all online 12 semester- hour Military and Trauma Counseling (MTC) certificate program. The mission of the MTC certificate program is to promote and achieve a high standard of excellence in the preparation of professional counselors to provide services to active duty service members, veterans, veterans with disabilities, and their family members. In efforts to promote the continued professional development and training of DARS alumni specializing in military counseling, DARS in coordination with ECU's Graduate School has developed a pathway of equivalency to the all online MTC certificate program for DARS alumni through the following process.

MTC Certificate Program Requirements

The MTC Certificate Program requires the completion of ADRE (prefix formerly known as REHB) 6000- Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Chronic Illness and Disability; 6100- Occupational Analysis and Career Counseling (or the equivalent substitute course ADRE 6380- Career Counseling); 6375 Military and Trauma Counseling; and one 3 semester hour graduate-level course recommended elective ADRE 6703- Foundations of Addictions and Clinical Counseling (formerly known as Introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling). Please note that most DARS alumni will only be required to take ADRE 6375 to be granted the MTC certificate.

Application Process and Eligibility Requirements for DARS Alumni

1. To be eligible for the MTC certificate program alumni must be: (a) admitted by the Graduate School as a certificate or non-degree student and (b) meet the minimum admission criteria including a GPA of 2.7, and consent of the MTC Program Coordinator.
2. The alumni must have been earned their degree in the masters of rehabilitation counseling and/or substance abuse and clinical counseling program at ECU.
3. Alumni must have completed the following coursework with a "B" or better: ADRE 6100 (or the equivalent of ADRE 6380), 6000, 6703, and 6375. The department is responsible for requesting approval through DegreeWorks SharePoint program approving the use of the previously completed courses toward the MTC certificate and indicating which courses should apply.

4. Those alumni that have not had ADRE 6375 must take this course offering prior to earning the MTC certificate.
5. Alumni must first be accepted into the MTC certificate program by ECU's Graduate School and the MTC Program Coordinator. Additionally, students will need to apply for graduation from the MTC certificate in the same semester they enroll in the one course they need because they will only be enrolled for one semester. The earlier students apply for graduation, the earlier the Registrar's Office can do their Degree Works audit ensuring a timely graduation. The department is responsible for auditing student records prior to admission for the MTC Certificate to ensure courses are completed within a 6 year window-of-opportunity.
6. All coursework taken within the 6 year period will be accepted into the MTC program upon confirmation and approval of both the MTC Program Coordinator and ECU Graduate School.
7. The accelerated MTC certificate program cannot use coursework that is more than 6 years from the date of application AND acceptance into the MTC certificate program and not past Fall semester 2021. If a student completed their master's degree in Spring semester 2016, then those classes can only be applied towards the MTC certificate through Fall 2021. The time limit to earn the MTC certificate will end at the close of Fall semester 2021.
8. Coursework that is applied to the MTC certificate cannot be used for any other certificate program in ADRE.