

ECU - Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling

Introduction:

Thank you for your interest in the Substance Abuse Counseling certificate program. The courses for the Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate program provide students with theories and techniques for this specialized area of counseling.

This is an academic certificate and should not be confused with Licensure and Certification from your state; for example, the NC Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board. Specific questions about the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) or the Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) in NC need to be directed to NC Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board's website; www.ncsappb.org

The completion of the four certificate courses (180-hours SUD specific coursework) does meet the academic requirement for the North Carolina Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist (LCAS) credential and meets *partial* academic requirement for the North Carolina Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) credential. However, the other criteria for the state issued LCAS and CADC credentials (e.g. 300-hour practicum, years of supervised substance abuse counseling practice) are not offered through this certificate program. Complete requirements for the LCAS and CADC credentials can be found on the website of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board; www.ncsappb.org.

Qualifications:

This is a post-bachelors certificate. Students need a bachelors or post-bachelors GPA of 2.7. Statement of Intent to qualify. This program is also open to students with a master's degree or those who are currently enrolled in a graduate program. The Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling is not intended for students who took the undergraduate alcohol and drug studies minor in the Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies at ECU. Students must maintain a B average (3.0 GPA) to graduate with the certificate.

If a student is accepted conditionally they can only take ADRE 6703, Foundations of Addictions & Clinical Counseling, the first semester. They must receive an A or B before advancing to other courses. The intent is to build in success and better ensure completion of this certificate.

Please note: If you are only able to take one course your first semester for the certificate program, you may not be eligible for financial aid during your initial semester.

Courses:

The certificate requires the completion of 12 s.h. of substance use disorder coursework. The following four substance abuse courses are offered both on-line and on-campus. ECU doesn't allow graduate courses to be transferred in for a certificate program. Any ECU substitutions must be approved by the certificate coordinator.

- 1) ADRE 6703 Foundations of Addictions and Clinical Counseling is offered online in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters and onsite Fall and Spring semesters. It is the prerequisite to the other courses.
- 2) ADRE 6793 Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Addiction is offered online in the Spring and Summer semester and on-campus in the Fall and Spring semesters.
- 3) HLTH 6355 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Education and Prevention, offered online in the Fall and Summer semesters by the Department of Health Education and Promotion.
- 4) ADRE 6796 Contemporary Alcohol/Drug Issues is offered online in the Fall and Spring semesters.

Application:

Potential candidates for the Substance Abuse Counseling certificate may apply at any time. It can take a month for applications to be processed. Individuals need to complete the online application, submit a nonrefundable application fee, submit the Letter of Intent (listed as a writing sample in Banner), and submit official transcripts from all colleges attended. Applicants should apply via the ECU Graduate School. To submit an application or to inquire about admission status, contact the Graduate School at <https://gradschool.ecu.edu>.

Cost:

For information on tuition for DE courses please visit <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/DEOrientation/tuition.cfm> and for information on residency for tuition please visit <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/residency.cfm> Faculty do not handle tuition matters. The ECU cashier's office can be reached at http://www.ecu.edu/financial_serv/cashier/tufee.cfm

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Other Graduate Programs:

The Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies in the School of Allied Health Sciences at East Carolina University offers a M.S. degree in Clinical Counseling, a M.S. degree in Rehabilitation and Career Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration with a concentration in Clinical Counseling and Addictions. For more information on these programs visit the website for the Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies at <https://www.ecu.edu/dars/>.