



ALCOHOLISM/SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING • Certificate

BEDFORD CAMPUS - EVENING

✓	COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
_____	HUS 101	Introduction to Human Services	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	HUS 102	Alcohol/Substance Abuse Treatment with Groups and Families	3	
_____	HUS 103	Stress Management & Relapse Prevention	3	
_____	HUS 151	Counseling Theory and Process	3	HUS 201 or *
_____	HUS 153	Supervised Field Placement & Seminar I	4	HUS 201
_____	HUS 154	Supervised Field Placement & Seminar II	4	HUS 153 or *
_____	HUS 201	Counseling Skills	3	PSY 101, ENG 101 or *
_____	PSY 160	Dynamics of Interpersonal Relations I	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	PSY 162	Alcoholism & Substance Abuse	3	ENG 101
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*Permission of instructor

Helpful Hints:

It is recommended that students with Reading Placement Test Scores of 68 to 75 enroll concurrently in ENG 075 or ENG 085.

Note: In order for a student to be eligible to participate in an academic, community or clinical program that involves potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly, the student will be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. See page 151 for details.

Admission Information

Required Testing/Prerequisites: It is required that students place into English Composition I and complete an orientation session.

Required Documents: Admission Application. A two-page typed essay describing applicant's background, career goals and interest in the program. Students may be admitted in any semester on a space-available basis. Employment verification or college transcripts may be required for admission.

Deadline: Although there is no deadline, students are encouraged to apply early, as space is limited.

Program Description:

The Alcoholism/Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate program provides the classroom hours and fieldwork required to be eligible for Massachusetts certification as a substance abuse counselor. Program graduates are prepared to take the required certification and state licensing examinations. Students are provided an in-depth knowledge of alcohol/addictions treatment programs and current treatment modalities. Students must take two field placement courses, totaling 300 hours, in an alcohol/addictions treatment facility. This experience allows students to work on the core functions of substance abuse counseling: assessment, treatment planning, case management, crisis intervention, client education and documentation. The program is completed through a one-year, three-semester curriculum, requiring 29 credits.

Career and Transfer Outlook:

Certification as a substance abuse counselor enhances employment prospects in a wide range of human service and human resource careers. Human service professionals who hold a bachelor's degree or advanced degrees may enter the certificate program to obtain state certification or to expand career opportunities. All courses in this program may be applied to the Human Services associate degree.

Program Outcomes:

- Graduates of the Alcohol/Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate program are prepared to:
- Describe the resources and required eligibility of the current treatment options of the substance-abuse treatment system;
 - Demonstrate effective communications skills, including group and individual counseling skills, oral and written communications, and computer research proficiency;
 - Identify and practice ethical standards as set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and National Certification Boards;
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the major factors of multicultural diversity and the importance of pluralism in our society;
 - Acquire and demonstrate an understanding of relevant theory and research as it applies to clinical practice and service delivery.