

ADDICTIONS COUNSELING - UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Education Health and Human Services

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Description

The Addictions Counseling undergraduate certificate prepares students with all the requisite training hours for licensure eligibility as a chemical dependency counselor in Ohio, issued by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. The certificate allows in-career professionals to specialize in addictions counseling (e.g., nurses, clergy, rehabilitation counselors, mental health therapists).

The certificate also is designed for people currently without a college degree who practice as Ohio-certified peer-recovery supporters, peer-support specialists and recovery coaches who wish to pursue credentialing as an addictions counselor assistant. In addition, the certificate supplements existing Kent State health and behavioral health degree programs, such as psychology, health education and human development and family studies.

Course content includes

- theories and models of addiction and addictive behaviors;
- pharmacology (i.e., review of substances typically misused, as well as medications used to treat symptoms of substance use disorders);
- screening and diagnostic assessment of substance use and co-occurring disorders;
- case conceptualization and treatment planning using the American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria;
- evidence-based practices in addictions (e.g., motivational interviewing, contingency management); and
- legal and ethical considerations in addictions counseling

Experiential training is infused throughout the curriculum (e.g., use of simulated clients in the classroom) and culminates in a practicum in the field at an approved counseling facility under the supervision of an approved licensed behavioral healthcare provider.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and

grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:

All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Current Kent State and Transfer Students: Active Kent State students who wish to change their major must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and earned a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State GPA to be admitted. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

Disclosure statement for this certificate.

Program Requirements Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
CES 34650	PRACTICES AND THEORIES IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	3
CES 34654	EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	3
or CES 37668	INTRODUCTION TO MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING	
CES 37662	INTRODUCTION TO ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	3
CES 37665	PLANNING CARE IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	3
CES 37692	ADDICTIONS COUNSELING PRACTICUM (ELR)	4
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		16

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA

2.500

- Students must complete a minimum 15 credit hours of certificate requirements at Kent State University.