

Substance Abuse Counseling

Assessing and Treating Chemical Dependency...

The Substance Abuse Counseling program prepares students for employment as alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) counselors. It also provides counseling education and training for social services and human resource professionals concerned with addicted individuals and their families.

The Substance Abuse Counseling program is accredited by the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association (IAODAPCA) and meets the association's requirements to sit for the ICRC examination, the international certification for alcohol and other drug abuse counselors.

IAODAPCA certification means that the counselor has demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and core functions necessary to provide quality care to individuals seeking treatment of their alcohol and/or other drug abuse or dependence.

Although IAODAPCA requires applicants to have 225 clock hours of supervised training to be eligible to sit for the exam, Oakton's Preparatory Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate program requires 300 hours and the Advanced Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate program requires 600 hours of supervised training. (Completion of these programs does not meet the experiential requirements for paid work experience, which must be completed separately by the applicant.)

IAODAPCA requires 40 hours of CEUs every two years for recertification.

Full-time employees of approved in-district companies may be eligible for in-district tuition.

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It is recommended that students take the courses in the sequence shown.

PREPARATORY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING CERTIFICATE

25 Semester Credit Hours		Curriculum 0211
Courses for a Certificate		Credit Hours
PSY 238 Substance Abuse		3
HSV 110 Counseling/Interviewing		3
HSV 121 Treatment Strategies		3
HSV 122 Assessment and Treatment of the Chemically Dependent		3
PSY 234 Family Systems and the Addictive Process		3
PSY 235 Psychology of Group Behavior		3
PSY 237 Drugs and Behavior: The Psychology and Physiology of Addiction		3
HSV 155 Substance Abuse Practicum I*		4
Total Semester Credit Hours for Certificate		25

All courses must be completed before Practicum registration.

In the preparatory program, upon passing the examination, a person is designated as a provisional C.A.D.C. (or Registered Applicant). Qualified work experience is required to remove the provisional designation. See below.

Steps to Obtaining Your C.A.D.C. (Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor)

PROGRAMS	PREPARATORY	ADVANCED
1. Required classes	7 classes**	7 classes**
2. Required practicum(s)***	Practicum I	Practicum I Practicum II
3. Apply to sit for and pass the ICRC exam		
4. Hours of supervised paid work after completion of an Oakton preparatory or advanced substance abuse counseling certificate.	With a high school diploma: 4,000 hrs. With an A.A.S.: 3,000 hours. With an M.S., M.S.W., or Ph.D.: 2,000 hours.	None

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ADVANCED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING CERTIFICATE

29 Semester Credit Hours		Curriculum: 0212
Courses for a Certificate		Credit Hours
PSY 238 Substance Abuse		3
HSV 110 Counseling/Interviewing		3
HSV 121 Treatment Strategies		3
HSV 122 Assessment and Treatment of the Chemically Dependent		3
PSY 234 Family Systems and the Addictive Process		3
PSY 235 Psychology of Group Behavior		3
PSY 237 Drugs and Behavior: The Psychology and Physiology of Addiction		3
HSV 155 Substance Abuse Practicum I*		4
HSV 255 Substance Abuse Practicum II*		4
Total Semester credit Hours for Certificate		29

A minimum of an A.A.S. in a behavioral science is required to be eligible for the Advanced program.

Contact IAODAPCA at 1-800-272-2632 when you are beginning your paid experience. You will have three years to complete your work experiences from the date of application.

Visit www.iaodapca.org for more information about the Illinois Model for the Certification of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Counselors.

Visit <http://servercc.oakton.edu/~mparker> for generic course outlines.

Refer to Oakton's College Catalog for additional credit hour information.

*The coordinator's approval is required to enroll, and an updated contract must be signed before the practicum begins. The process of obtaining an approved practicum site can take up to six months. Students should begin searching early.

**Graduate course work may be substituted for some courses.

***Contact the coordinator at 847-376-7067 for a list of potential practicum sites.