

ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELOR, CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE

Program Code: CC.ALDRUGCOUNSLR

The Alcohol & Drug Counselor Pathway Certificate prepares students to sit for the certification examination offered by the Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon. The coursework is appropriate both for new students to the field, and those wishing to update their skills or seek additional certification. The certificate provides the 150 educational hours required by the certification board. Degree-seeking students can also opt to add a CWE component that will partially fulfill the 1000 required practicum hours. Qualifying for the CADC I certificate is a stepping stone for students who want to work now, but may also be thinking of pursuing further education in the future. More information about certification can be found at www.mhacbo.org

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Outcomes

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- demonstrate appropriate interviewing skills in an assessment or treatment setting;
- articulate the ethics required for effective work in the substance use field;
- recognize the signs of common substance use disorders;
- discuss the impact of drug use and misuse on society and the public health.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
HE-163	Body & Drugs I: Introduction to Abuse & Addiction	3
HE-164	Body & Drugs II: Alcohol	3
HS-103	Ethics for Human Service Workers	2
HS-104	Using Diagnostic Criteria in Addiction Treatment	1
HS-156	Conducting Human Service Interviews	3
HS-211	Infectious Diseases and Harm Reduction	1
HS-216	Group Counseling Skills	3
Total Credits		16

Careers

Career opportunities include:

- inpatient treatment programs
- outpatient treatment programs
- programs for those experiencing homelessness
- variety of community agencies