

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING FOR PROFESSIONALS POST- MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Substance use disorders create destruction. People trapped in the cycle of substance abuse lose friends, disconnect from loved ones, lose focus and productivity, and face emotional and physical deterioration, even death. Assessment, diagnosis, counseling and treatment must be comprehensive, individualized and culturally appropriate; they must treat the whole person and not just the symptoms.

With its extensive background in preparing students to serve others with respect, service, integrity and compassion, USF is well situated to help the clinical professional further expand their existing clinical skill set.

The University of St. Francis Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling Program provides clinical professionals with a comprehensive background in the nature and treatment of substance use disorders. Students will gain essential knowledge and skills preparing them for the challenges of this demanding role by broadening their knowledge base in the area of substance use disorders. In addition, the certificate program will allow them to acquire the education, supervision and hands-on experience required to take and successfully pass the Illinois Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor (CADC) exam.

The Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling for Professionals Program was designed with the clinical professional in mind. The certificate program is for the clinician who currently possesses a master's degree and/or licensure in a clinical area such as social work, psychology, nursing or other behavioral or medical area. The program can be completed in one year and through evening classes.

The Substance Abuse Counseling Program at the University of St. Francis is accredited at the advanced level by the Illinois Certification Board (iaodapca.org (<http://iaodapca.org>)), as well as the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org (<http://hlcommission.org>)) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ibhe.org (<http://ibhe.org>)).

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Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 211	Introduction to Chemical Dependency	3
PSYC 372	Psychopharmacology for Addiction Counselors	3
PSYC 375	Co-Occurring Disorders: Assessment & Treatment	3
PSYC 420	Advanced Techniques in Substance Abuse Treatment	3
PSYC 424	Diverse Populations in Addiction Counseling	3
PSYC 492	Field Practicum and Supervision I	5
PSYC 493	Field Practicum and Supervision II	5
Total Hours		25