

Degree Description

This certificate is awarded to those students who have completed the necessary 270 educational clock-hour component required by the state of Texas for licensing of alcohol and drug abuse counselors. Students must contact the Texas Department of State Health Services for additional requirements for licensure.

Semester I	Hours
DAAC 1304 Pharmacology of Addiction	3 hours
DAAC 1317 Basic Counseling Skills	3 hours
DAAC 1319 Substance-Related & Addictive Disorders	3 hours
PMHS 1291 Special Topics in Psychiatric/Mental Health Services	2 hours
	11 hours

Semester II	Hours
SCWK 1303 Ethics for Social Service Professionals	3 hours
DAAC 2354 Dynamics of Group Counseling	3 hours
DAAC 1309 Assessment of Substance-Related & Addictive Disorders	3 hours
DAAC 2266 Practicum - Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling	2 hours
	11 hours

Total hours: 22 hours

Course Descriptions

DAAC 1304 Pharmacology of Addiction

Emphasizes pharmacological effects of addiction, tolerance, dependence, cross addiction, drug interaction, withdrawal, and recovery. Describes the psychological and physiological effects of substance use and behaviors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 1317 Basic Counseling Skills

An overview and application of the basic counseling skills. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 1319 Substance-Related & Addictive Disorders

An overview of causes and consequences of substance-related and addictive disorders, the major drug classifications, and the counselor's code of ethics. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PMHS 1291 Special Topics in Psychiatric/Mental Health Services

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student. This course was designed to be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency. The student will participate in an orientation to the Mental Health program and practicum classes. Activities will be conducted and assignments will be made during orientation. Semester Hours 2 (2 lec/1 lab)

SCWK 1303 Ethics for Social Service Professionals

Ethical considerations based on social and human services standards. Includes comparison of ethical codes, confidentiality, dual relationships, guidelines for web counseling, ethical considerations dealing with broadcast media, diversity, and multiculturalism. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 2354 Dynamics of Group Counseling

Exploration of group counseling skills, techniques, stages of group development, confidentiality, and ethics. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 1309 Assessment of Substance-Related & Addictive Disorders

Exploration of procedures and tools used to identify substance-related and addictive disorders and assess a client's problems, strengths, deficits, and needs. Prerequisite: DAAC 1319 with a grade of C or better. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 2266 Practicum - Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling

Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student. This may be a paid or unpaid learning experience. This course serves as the Capstone for the TCADA Counselor Education Preparation Certificate Program. Prerequisite: PMHS 1291 Semester Hours 2 (20 lab)
