

Degree Description

Successful completion of this program opens doors to employment or a better position in social welfare, governmental and community service agencies. Graduates can make significant contributions wherever people are employed to help others with social- and mental health-related situations.

This specialty provides training and courses for persons working toward state recognition as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) certification and/or those persons interested in working in areas of substance abuse/addiction with children, adolescents or adults. The substance abuse/addiction curriculum prepares persons for entry-level employment in the field of addictionology as well as fulfills needs of those currently working in the field of substance abuse.

A grade of C or better is required for all mental health courses for graduation.

Marketable Skills

1. Understand basic concepts of populations cared for in the mental health field.
2. Understand the development and cycle of addictions.
3. Demonstrate professional and ethical behaviors of mental health workers.
4. Refer clients to appropriate community resources.

Semester I	Hours
SCWK 1321 Orientation to Social Service	3 hours
DAAC 1304 Pharmacology of Addiction	3 hours
DAAC 1317 Basic Counseling Skills	3 hours
SCWK 1303 Ethics for Social Service Professionals	3 hours
DAAC 1319 Substance-Related & Addictive Disorders	3 hours
	15 hours

Semester II	Hours
PMHS 1291 Special Topics in Psychiatric/Mental Health Services	2 hours
DAAC 2307 Addicted Family Intervention	3 hours
DAAC 2330 Multicultural Counseling	3 hours
DAAC 1309 Assessment of Substance-Related & Addictive Disorders	3 hours
CMSW 1341 Behavior Modification with Cognitive Disorders	3 hours
	14 hours

Summer Semester	Hours
SCWK 2301 Assessment and Case Management	3 hours
PMHS 1267 Practicum - Psychiatric/Mental Health Services Tech	2 hours
	5 hours

Total hours: 34 hours

Course Descriptions

SCWK 1321 Orientation to Social Service

Introduction to the basic concepts, information, and practices within the field of social services. Topics include the historical development of social services, populations served by social service workers, and review of current treatment and/or services. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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)

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 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)

DAAC 2307 Addicted Family Intervention

Examination of family systems focusing on the effects of addiction and recovery. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 2330 Multicultural Counseling

An examination of the multicultural counseling theories and characteristics of diverse populations. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec/0 lab)

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)

CMSW 1341 Behavior Modification with Cognitive Disorders

In-depth study of the theories and principles of behavioral science and the methods of modifying and managing behavior in clients with cognitive disorders. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SCWK 2301 Assessment and Case Management

Exploration of procedures To identify and evaluate an individual's and/or family's strengths, weaknesses, problems, and needs in order to develop an effective plan of action. Topics include oral and written communications essential for screening, assessment, and case management to determine the need for prevention, intervention, and/or referral. Semester Hours: 3 (3 lec)

PMHS 1267 Practicum - Psychiatric/Mental Health Services Tech

Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student. This course was designed to be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency. Prerequisite: PMHS 1291 Semester Hours 2 (15 lab)
