



AAS Chemical Dependency Counseling

At the completion of this degree program, students will be able to do the following:

1. Identify and describe the major areas of human services practice of which substance abuse counseling is a part, including the main features of each area (e.g. mental illness, poverty, geriatrics, children and family services) the settings where they operate and the services they offer society, both nationally and locally.
2. Identify, explain and apply the foundational knowledge, theories, models and methods that guide chemical dependency counseling (CDC) practice.
3. Identify, describe and demonstrate application of the foundational skills and competencies expected of entry-level chemical dependency counselors including substance use disorder diagnosis, treatment planning, prevention paths and community based supports to assist those who suffer from the condition.
4. Identify and discuss the core values that serve as the foundation for human services work including chemical dependency counseling.
5. Identify and discuss the ethical principles that guide CDC practice, the critical ethical issues that confront human services workers, and the appropriate means of responding, including ethical decision-making.