

ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING CERTIFICATE

Purpose: The Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate prepares graduates for licensure with the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health & Therapy (MNBBHT) as a Temporary Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC-T) or Licensed Alcohol and Drug counselors (LADC). The Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate is designed for students who have an associate degree (or higher), want to learn more about chemical dependency issues, and who desire a career working with chemically dependent people. Students in this program, will gain valuable classroom knowledge in 12 core areas of addiction counseling theory, practice, and skill development. Through the required practicum placements in a licensed chemical dependency facility student’s gain valuable and necessary practical experience under the supervision of a Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor or other qualified professional.

The Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate does not license a student as an alcohol and drug counselor. However, students who complete the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate and have already completed an associate degree can apply for licensure as a temporary drug counselor (ADC-T) through the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health Therapy (MNBBHT). If the licensing board approves your application as a temporary drug counselor, students can work as a temporary drug counselor for roughly 6 years (or 5 annual renewal periods) while they complete a bachelor’s degree. Students who complete the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate and hold a bachelor’s degree (or higher) and pass the national exam can apply for a drug counseling license (LADC) through the licensing board (MNBBHT).

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Alcohol & Drug Counseling Certificate.....26 credits total
Program Requirements 26 credits

RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE (Fall Start)			
<i>Note: Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See www.rctc.edu for additional course and program information.</i>			
Semester 1 (Fall)		Semester 2 (Spring)	
HS 1710: Foundations of Alcohol & Drug Counseling	3 cr	HS 1730: Screening and Assessment of Disorders (Spring Only)	2 cr
HS 1720: Co-occurring Disorders (Fall Only)	3 cr	HS 1750: Case Management and Ethics	3 cr
HS 1740: Pharmacology of Addiction	2 cr	HS 1770: Alcohol & Drug Counseling Practicum I	3 cr
		HS 1782: Addiction Society & Justice System (Spring Only)	1 cr
Total Credits	8	Total Credits	9
Semester 3 (Fall)			
HS 1760: Multicultural Aspects of Addiction (Fall Only)	3 cr		
HS 1780: Alcohol & Drug Counseling Practicum II	3 cr		
HS 1781: Crisis Intervention & Prevention (Fall Only)	3 cr		
Total Credits	9		
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RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE (Spring Start)

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Semester 1 (Spring) HS 1710: Foundations of Alcohol & Drug Counseling 3 cr HS 1730: Screening and Assessment of Disorders (Spring Only) 2 cr HS 1750: Case Management and Ethics 3 cr HS 1785: Overview of Applies Behavioral Analysis 1 cr Total Credits 9		Semester 2 (Fall) HS 1720: Co-occurring Disorders (Fall Only) 3 cr HS 1760: Multicultural Aspects of Addiction (Fall Only) 3 cr HS 1770: Alcohol & Drug Counseling Practicum I 3 cr Total Credits 9	
Semester 3 (Spring) HS 1740: Pharmacology of Addiction 2 cr HS 1765: Counseling Theory and Practice (Spring Only) or HS 1783: At-Risk Children, Youth, and Their Families (Spring Only) 3 cr HS 1780: Alcohol & Drug Counseling Practicum II 3 cr Total Credits 8			