

Program Information

The Associate of Science (AS) in Alcohol and Drug Counseling Studies degree program is designed for students interested in the field of alcohol and drug counseling. The program prepares graduates for the written test which is required for Minnesota state licensure. The 30-credit Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate is completed as part of the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Studies Associate of Science degree. Completion of the certificate allows the student to practice under a temporary ADC licensure en route to earning a Bachelor's degree within five years. (NOTE: the written test must be satisfied as defined by the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy).

Program Goals

Upon completion of the program, graduates will demonstrate achievement of program outcomes by being able to:

1. Apply and demonstrate competency of counseling services to people with substance abuse disorders, as defined by the 12 core functions;
2. Apply the established diagnostic criteria for substance use disorder and describe treatment modalities and placement criteria within the continuum of care;
3. Apply a variety of models and theories of addiction and other problems related to substance abuse;
4. Demonstrate clinical writing skills for professional documentation; and
5. Apply laws, rules, and ethical guidelines related to the State of Minnesota and the addiction counseling profession.

Program Admission & Related Requirements

Clinical/practicum facilities require students to maintain specific requirements to ensure student and client health and safety. Proof that these requirements are met must be furnished by the student and include but are not limited to:

- A cleared Background Study is required from the State of Minnesota.
- The college cannot guarantee placement in practicums for students who do not have a clear criminal background check. If you have questions about your eligibility or for more information about the background study process and disqualifying crimes, contact the Minnesota Department of Human Services at 651-296-3802.
- Vaccines and other health and safety related requirements as defined by the practicum sites.

Completion Requirements

- A minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- Satisfy residency requirements.
- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all program requirements.
- All ADCS courses must be completed at ARCC or have been approved for credit for prior learning.
- Completion of specific degree requirements.
- To complete your program, please submit the appropriate application found [here](#).
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

♦ *Course has prerequisite - see course schedule or catalog description.*

^ *Course requires Instructor permission.*

NOTE: You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor at 763-433-1230 for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation and transfer options.

Developmental Courses

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English and Reading. Admission requires an ability to do college level reading and writing as demonstrated by meeting enrollment requirements for ENGL 1121.

Program Requirements: 30 credits

- ☐ ADCS 1110 ♦ Pharmacology and Co-Occurring Disorders 3
- ☐ ADCS 1120 ♦ Substance Use Disorder Assessment 4
- ☐ ADCS 1200 ♦ Substance Use Disorder Counseling 4
- ☐ ADCS 1210 ♦ Substance Use Disorder Case Management 4
- ☐ ADCS 1220 ♦ Professional Ethics and Pre-Practicum Issues 2
- ☐ ADCS 2295 ♦* Substance Use Disorder Counseling Practicum 5
- ☐ HPER 1102 Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco 3

*Must be taken twice; 10 credits are required for the degree.

General Education/MnTC: 30 credits

Complete at least 30 credits from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), including all courses listed. You must complete at least one course in six of the ten goal areas. One course may satisfy more than one goal area, but the course credits may be counted only once.

- ☐ 1. Communication
 - ☐ ENGL 1120 ♦ **OR** ENGL 1121 ♦ 4
 - ☐ CMST 2251 3
- ☐ 2. Critical Thinking
- ☐ 3. Natural Science
- ☐ 4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
 - ☐ MATH 1114 ♦ or any college level Math 3-5
- ☐ 5. History/Social/Behavioral Sciences
 - ☐ PSYC 1110 4
 - OR**
 - ☐ SOC 1111 3
- ☐ 6. Humanities/Fine Arts
 - ☐ PHIL 1110 **OR** PHIL 1200 3
- ☐ 7. Human Diversity
- ☐ 8. Global Perspective
- ☐ 9. Ethical/Civic Responsibility
- ☐ 10. People and the Environment

Program note: A Bachelor's degree from an accredited school or educational program is required for licensure. Eighteen semester credits of alcohol and drug counseling academic course work; 880 clock hours of supervised alcohol and drug counseling practicum, and written examination that demonstrates competence in the core functions must also be successfully completed for licensure.

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Program Sequence:

The sequence that follows is suggested for full-time students. Part-time students will need more time to complete this program; many courses are offered in the evening.

1 st YEAR	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
	ADCS 1110.....3 ADCS 11204 ENGL 1120/11214 HPER 1102.....3 Gen Ed 1-2 TOTAL 15-16	ADCS 1200.....4 ADCS 12104 ADCS 12202 CMST 22513 PSYC 1110 or SOC 11113-4 TOTAL 16-17
2 nd YEAR	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
	ADCS 2295.....5 PHIL 1110 or PHIL 1200.....3 Gen Ed7 TOTAL 15	ADCS 2295.....5 Gen Ed8 TOTAL 13

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