Addiction and Substance-Use Related Disorders (Graduate Certificate)

Addiction and substance abuse is one of America's top public health problems, and there is a growing need for a well-trained workforce. This graduate certificate program provides the foundational and theoretical knowledge necessary in the field of addiction.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Addiction and Substance-Use Related Disorders (certificate)

There is growing demand for professionals who understand the needs, issues and treatment approaches for individuals suffering from addiction and substance use disorders. The certificate program in addiction and substance-use related disorders is valuable for those in counseling, social work, psychology, medicine and various fields of therapy who provide services to individuals and families suffering from addiction and substance use disorders. This program meets all of the curricular requirements of the Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners for licensure in substance abuse counseling, as well as national certification requirements.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: online

Degree Requirements

21 credit hours

Required Core (18 credit hours)
PSY 570 Psychopharmacology (3)
PSY 601 Addiction and Substance Abuse: Assessment and Diagnosis (3)
PSY 602 Comorbidity in Substance Use Related Problems (3)
PSY 603 Evidence-Based Interventions for Substance Use Related Problems (3)
PSY 604 Multicultural Issues Related to Substance Use Related Problems (3)
PSY 605 Group Therapy for Substance Use-Related Problems (3)

Other Requirements (3)
PSY 591 Topic: Ethics (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
This graduate certificate meets all seven of the core content curricular requirements for the Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners for students interested in pursuing licensure in substance abuse counseling. In addition, the course is in compliance with national certification curriculum guidelines.

PSY 591 can be substituted with approval of the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any health, behavioral health or counseling-related field, from a regionally accredited institution or an equivalent degree from an international institution that is officially recognized by that country.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. curriculum vitae or resume
4. one letter or recommendation
5. personal statement
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.
Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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