

ADDICTION STUDIES (PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE)

Award: Professional Certificate
Program of Study: Addiction Studies
Program Code: 1711

This program is no longer accepting new students.

The Addictions Studies certificate program is designed for students who desire a career within the addictions profession and health care industry. Addiction students who receive their certificate can either be self-employed or work with mental health organizations or practices throughout the state. Student who receive this certificate will have completed the educational requirements and learning objectives that are needed for becoming a Certified Addiction Counselor Level Two (CAC II) as outlined by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) and the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH). Students who complete the educational requirements and learning objectives of this certification program are eligible to take the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) National Certified Addiction Counselor (NCAC I) or (NCAC II) exam and apply to Department of Regulatory Agency (DORA) for CAC II certification as required in Colorado.

All CMU certificate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, critical thinking, and personal and social responsibility. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Complete practiced-based performance standards that draws on current research, scholarship and/or techniques, and acquire specialized knowledge in the discipline. (Specialized Knowledge/ Applied Learning)
2. Analyze data critically, reason logically, and apply quantitative analysis methods correctly to develop appropriate conclusions. (Quantitative Fluency)
3. Make and defend assertions about a specialized topic in an extended well-organized document and oral presentations that is appropriate to the discipline. (Communication Fluency)
4. Describe reasoned conclusions that articulate the implications and consequences for a particular decision by synthesizing information and methodologies in the field of addictions. (Critical Thinking)
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6. Analyze data critically, reason logically, and apply quantitative analysis methods correctly to develop appropriate conclusions. (Quantitative Fluency)
7. Make and defend assertions about a specialized topic in an extended well-organized document and oral presentations that is appropriate to the discipline. (Communication Fluency)
8. Describe reasoned conclusions that articulate the implications and consequences for a particular decision by synthesizing information and methodologies in the field of addictions. (Critical Thinking)

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options." This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Certificate Requirements

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU Professional Certificates. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- Consists of 5-59 semester hours.
- Primarily 300-400 level courses.
- At least fifty percent of the credit hours must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all courses taken to satisfy program requirements.
- A grade lower than "C" in the program of study will not be counted toward meeting the certificate's requirements.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Certificate Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and certificate requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

Program Specific Certificate Requirements

(18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Required Courses		
ADAP 301	Foundations of Addictions Counseling	1
ADAP 350	Cultural and Ethical Issues in Addictions Treatment	1
ADAP 380	Pharmacology and Addictions	1
ADAP 401	Special Populations and Addictions	1
ADAP 420	Addiction Counseling Approaches	1
ADAP 450	Addictions Assessment and Group Counseling	1
ADAP 460	Advanced Addictions Practice	1
ADAP 470	Addictions Clinical Supervision	1

ADAP 499	Internship (1-3 credit hours each enrollment for a total of 10 credit hours)	10
Total Semester Credit Hours		18

Suggested Course Plan

(18 Semester Hours)

First Year		Semester Credit Hours
Fall Semester		
ADAP 301	Foundations of Addictions Counseling (First Mod)	1
ADAP 350	Cultural and Ethical Issues in Addictions Treatment (Second Mod)	1
ADAP 499	Internship (Full Term)	2
Semester Credit Hours		4
Spring Semester		
ADAP 380	Pharmacology and Addictions (J-Term)	1
ADAP 499	Internship (J-Term)	1
ADAP 401	Special Populations and Addictions (First Mod)	1
ADAP 499	Internship (First Mod)	2
ADAP 420	Addiction Counseling Approaches (Second Mod)	1
ADAP 450	Addictions Assessment and Group Counseling (Second Mod)	1
Semester Credit Hours		7
Summer Semester		
ADAP 460	Advanced Addictions Practice (First Mod)	1
ADAP 499	Internship (First Mod)	3
ADAP 470	Addictions Clinical Supervision (Second Mod)	1
ADAP 499	Internship (Second Mod)	2
Semester Credit Hours		7
Total Semester Credit Hours		18

- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found on the [Graduation](#) web page.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to apply for graduation in a subsequent semester. A student's "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.

Advising and Graduation

Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a certificate. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and discussing the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended certificate.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a certificate and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their certificate requirements (for one-semester certificates, complete in the first week of class):

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.