

Addiction Counseling Specialist, Professional Series

The Addiction Counseling Specialist Series is designed for those interested in a career as substance abuse counselors or those in other human service fields seeking more knowledge about working with chemically dependent persons. The series consists of a general helping skills course along with five addiction counseling-specific courses.

The courses follow the domain topics as prescribed by the Addiction Professional Certification Board of New Jersey, Inc. and can be used toward completion of the requirements for a CADC (Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor). There are additional requirements for CADC, including 3,000 hours of related work experience at a drug and alcohol addiction treatment program. Students must also pass a State administered oral and written examination. Addition program information can be found online at www.atlantic.edu.

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Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Demonstrate interviewing, assessment and listening skills through role-playing;
- Identify the major drugs of abuse and Federal schedules, or classification, of the primary substances of abuse, including alcohol;
- Define psychopharmacology and the effects of various drugs of abuse on the major physiological body systems;
- Describe the various treatment modalities including self-help groups, group counseling, family counseling, and psychotherapies;
- Identify guidelines for the process of ethical decision-making according to the NAADAC Code of Ethics.

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Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
HSRV116	Social Agency Skills and Processes	3
HSRV141	Assessment Skills in Addiction Counseling	3
HSRV142	Counseling Skills in Addiction Counseling	3
HSRV143	Case Management with Addicted Populations	3
HSRV144	Client Education with Addicted Populations	3
HSRV145	Professional Issues in Addiction Counseling	3
Total Credits		18