

Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Holland code family: Helpers

About the Program

Alcohol and Drug Counselor is a four-term certificate program. It is designed for individuals who have completed a bachelor's degree and need further coursework to complete the educational requirements needed to become a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC). In addition to coursework, CADC certification requires 1,000 hours in the field and a passing score on the CADC exam. CADC status is a basic requirement for employment in the addictions field. Because some courses are offered only once per year, students may not be able to complete all requirements in a calendar year.

The U.S. Department of Education requires disclosure of specific information about career and technical certificate programs to prospective students. Data includes Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes (www.bls.gov/SOC/), graduation rates, tuition and fees, typical costs for books and supplies, job placement rates for students completing the programs, and median loan debt incurred by students completing the programs. For more information visit www.roguecc.edu/GainfulEmployment.

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Program Learning Outcomes

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Apply principals of ethical decision making in the human services field and practice ethical behavior in relation to self and others within the helping relationship.

Establish rapport and a therapeutic alliance with clients through the demonstration of empathy, genuineness, congruence, and unconditional positive regard.

Promote personal growth in self and others by practicing positive living, optimism, self-examination and willingness to change.

Exhibit sensitivity and insight into the wide variety of problems in living experienced by individuals and groups in contemporary society.

Demonstrate clinical skills of screening, assessment, treatment planning, termination and referral.

Incorporate knowledge about the interrelated effects of addictions, poverty, mental and physical illness, and homelessness on family dynamics and intimate relationships in an integrated approach to addressing issues of family and intimate partner violence, child abuse and neglect.

Demonstrate specific skills in active listening, motivational interviewing, group counseling, crisis intervention and management, and counseling chemically dependent, traumatized, mentally ill and emotionally disturbed clients, as well as those with co-occurring mental health and addictions diagnoses.

Function effectively as a member of a team in providing services, designing programs, and working collaboratively among agencies and organizations for the benefit of clients and the community.

Actively engage in continuing education, lifelong learning and pro-active self-care.

Entry Requirements

Students must have completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Human Services is a limited-entry program requiring completion of an application that includes a writing sample and personal references. For more information on how to apply, including application deadlines, visit the Human Services website, www.roguecc.edu/humanservices. Students should be aware that certain prerequisites may apply for core course requirements.

Prospective students should be aware of entry requirements of human services agencies prior to considering human services as a career choice. Practicum placement may require passing a criminal history background check. The inability to pass this check may preclude completion of the program. Students in recovery seeking placement in substance abuse treatment programs may also be required to demonstrate two years' sobriety. More information is available from the Human Services Department.

Advanced Standing

Coursework from accredited colleges and universities will be accepted in accordance with college policies and the Human Services Department coordinator's approval. In order to ensure that coursework is current, program courses over 10 years old must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate department chair before being accepted toward core requirements. Each College Now credit student must meet with a Human Services Department adviser to determine placement.



Graduation Requirements

Students completing the required credits in this program with a grade of "C" or better, and passing the counseling skills competency requirement as demonstrated through a series of videotaped counseling interviews, will receive their certificates. Seven credits (231 hours) of documented practicum experience in an alcohol and drug treatment agency setting, supervised by a professional, is required.

Prerequisites ¹

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
CS/CIS	Approved 3-4 credit Computer Science or Computer Information Science class, CS120/CIS120 or above, or documented computer proficiency within the past ten years.	0-4
MTH63	Applied Algebra I or MTH60 Fundamentals of Algebra I or BT160 Business Math or higher level math	4
PSY101	Psychology of Human Relations	3
SP111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	4
WR121	English Composition I or higher level composition	4

Total Prerequisite Credits

15-19

Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
HE208	HIV and Infectious Diseases ²	1
HS100	Introduction to Human Services	3
HS115	Principles of Client Record Management	1
HS155	Interviewing Theory and Techniques	4
HS158	Trauma-informed Care: Theory and Practice	3
HS170	Introduction to Practicum	3
HS175	Ethics for Counselors	1
HS202	Counseling the Chemically Dependent Client I	3
HS210	Motivational Interviewing	3
HS260	Group Counseling	4
HS261G	Human Services Practicum and Seminar ³	7
HS268	Co-occurring Disorders: Introductory Theory and Counseling	3
PSY219	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology ⁴	4
PSY231	Human Sexuality or HS204 Counseling Chemically Dependent Client II or PSY228 Introduction to Positive Psychology or SOC230 Introduction to Gerontology	3-4
SOC213	Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.	4
SOC243	Drugs, Crime and Addiction	4

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS

51-52

¹ Required for graduation. May include additional classes based on placement test scores.

² May be completed fall or spring term.

³ May be spread out over second and third terms.

⁴ Requires prerequisites of PSY201 and PSY202.

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