**Introduction:**
Thank you for your interest in the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling. The courses for the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling provide students with theories and techniques for this specialized area of counseling. These courses meet the academic requirement for the North Carolina Certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) or Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS). The other criteria for the state issued CSAC and LCAS credentials (e.g., two years of supervised substance abuse counseling practice) can be found on the website of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board; [www.ncsappb.org](http://www.ncsappb.org) See our webpage for more information, student voices, and past issues of our E-Newsletter; [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/rehb/certificates.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/rehb/certificates.cfm)

This is an academic certificate and should not be confused with Licensure and Certification from your state; for example the NC Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board. Specific questions about the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) or the Certified Substance Abuse Counseling (CSAC) in NC need to be directed to NC Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board’s website; [www.ncsappb.org](http://www.ncsappb.org)

The four courses that make up the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling meet 180 of the 270 hours toward the academic requirement for the North Carolina Certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) and all the hours toward the academic requirement for licensure as a Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS). The other criteria for the state issued CSAC and LCAS credentials (e.g., two years of supervised substance abuse counseling practice) can be found on the website of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board; [www.ncsappb.org](http://www.ncsappb.org)

**Qualifications:**
This is a post-bachelors certificate. Students will need at least a 2.7 undergraduate GPA and a Statement of Intent to qualify. This program is also open to students with a Master’s degree or those who are currently enrolled in a graduate program. The Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling is not intended for students who took the undergraduate alcohol and drug studies minor in the Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies at ECU. Students must maintain a B average to complete the certificate. If a student is accepted conditionally they can only take ADRE 6703, Foundations of Addictions & Clinical Counseling, the first semester. They must receive an A or B before advancing to other courses. The intent is to build in success and better ensure completion of this certificate.

**Please note:** As you will only be eligible to take one course your first semester for the certificate program, you may not be eligible for financial aid during your initial semester. Upon successful (grade of B or higher) completion of the first course, you will then be eligible to enroll in multiple courses per semester, thus becoming eligible for financial aid support.
Courses:
The certificate requires the completion of 12 s.h. of substance abuse coursework. The following four substance abuse courses are offered both on-line and on-campus. ECU doesn’t allow graduate courses to be transferred in for a certificate program. Any ECU substitutions must be approved by the certificate coordinator.

1) ADRE 6703 Foundations of Addictions and Clinical Counseling is offered online in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters and onsite Fall and Spring semesters. It is the prerequisite to the other courses.

2) ADRE 6793 Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Addiction is offered online in the Fall, Spring and Summer semester and on-campus in the Fall and Spring semesters.

3) HLTH 6355 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Education and Prevention, offered online in the Fall and Summer semesters by the Department of Health Education and Promotion.

4) ADRE 6796 Contemporary Alcohol/Drug Issues is offered online in the Fall and Spring semesters.

Application:
Potential candidates for the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling may apply at any time. It can take a month for applications to be processed. Individuals need to complete the online application, submit a nonrefundable application fee, submit the Letter of Intent (listed as a writing sample in Banner), and submit official transcripts from all colleges attended. Applicants should apply via the ECU Graduate School. To submit an application or to inquire about admission status, contact the Graduate School at www.ecu.edu/gradschool

Cost:
For information on tuition for DE courses please visit http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/DEOrientation/tuition.cfm and for information on residency for tuition please visit http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/residency.cfm Faculty do not handle tuition matters. The ECU cashier’s office can be reached at http://www.ecu.edu/financial_serv/cashier/tufee.cfm

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Other Graduate Programs:
The Clinical Counselor education program in the Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies in the School of Allied Health Sciences at East Carolina University offers a M.S. degree in Clinical Counseling (formerly Substance Abuse & Clinical Counseling), a M.S. degree in Rehabilitation and Career Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration with a concentration in Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling. For more information on these programs visit the website for the Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies at www.ecu.edu/rehb.