

## **Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling**

Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling Program  
Department of Rehabilitation Studies  
East Carolina University

The Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling provides students with the practical skills and basic techniques needed to provide services to individuals with addictions. This specialized area of counseling requires specific knowledge of theory and applied techniques in addition to general counseling knowledge and skills. The certificate is open to students enrolled in graduate programs as well as applicants holding a bachelor's or graduate degree; it is not intended for students who took the undergraduate alcohol and drug studies minor. These courses meet 180 of the 270 hours toward the academic requirement for the North Carolina Certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) and all of the hours toward the academic requirement for licensure as a Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS). See the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board (NCSAPPB) at [www.ncsappb.org](http://www.ncsappb.org) for full criteria for certification as a substance abuse counselor (CSAC) or licensure as a clinical addictions specialist (LCAS).

The ECU certificate program in substance abuse counseling requires the completion of 12 semester-hours of coursework. The following required courses are offered online and on site:

- REHB 6703 Alcohol and Drug Abuse: Health and Social Problems
- REHB 5793 Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Addiction
- REHB 5796 Contemporary Alcohol/Drug Abuse Issues
- REHB 5795 Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Any substitutions must be approved by the certificate coordinator

Interested individuals with at least a bachelor's degree should apply for admission to the ECU Graduate School as a non-degree seeking student. ECU students, who were not enrolled at ECU the previous semester, must be readmitted in order to enroll in courses. Graduate admissions applications can be submitted online or downloaded for mailing. To request or submit an application or to inquire about admission status, contact The Graduate School at East Carolina University, 131 Ragsdale Bldg., Greenville, NC 27858-4353 or [www.ecu.edu/gradschool](http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool).

### **M.S. Degree in Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling**

The substance abuse courses in the certificate program may be credited toward the master's degree in Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling at East Carolina University if the student decides to pursue this degree in the future.

For further information on the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling, please contact:

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