

## **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 Introduction to Addictions
- REHB 6793 Treatment of Addictions
- REHB 6796 Contemporary Issues for Addictions
- REHB 6795 Prevention of Addictions

Interested individuals with at least a 2.7 undergraduate GPA can apply via the ECU Graduate School. Graduate admissions applications are submitted online along with all transcripts, letter of intent, and fee. ECU students, who were not enrolled at ECU the previous semester, must be readmitted in order to enroll in courses. To 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**

Three 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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