2026-27 Academic Year

ADDICTIONS COUNSELING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Certificate of Advanced Studies

The Addictions Counseling certificate is designed for counselors and graduate students seeking specialized preparation for working with substance abuse and addictive disorders. Addictions counselors assess client needs and develop individualized treatment plans, and this certificate strengthens the clinical skills needed to do so effectively. The courses for the Addictions Counseling certificate at Wayne State College are aimed at providing education typically needed in addition to a graduate counseling degree for application toward Nebraska state licensure for drug and alcohol counseling. Coursework emphasizes alcohol and drug assessment, level of care placement, treatment planning, case management, documentation, ethical practice, and evidence-informed counseling approaches for diverse populations. Students and professionals may pursue this certificate if they are completing coursework in a graduate counseling program or related field, or have completed a graduate degree in counseling or a related field.

fast facts

No entrance exam required

Credit hours: 12

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 total *(includes $261.91 tuition + $165.55. fees)*

Certificate offered: Certificate of Advanced Studies / Addictions Counseling

Delivery method: Online

Department: Counseling

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Understanding the physical and psychological effects of drugs
- Alcohol and drug assessment and diagnosis
- Co-occurring mental health and addiction treatment
- Level of care placement and referral decisions
- Treatment planning and case management
- Progress monitoring and discharge planning

Possible Careers

- Addictions counselor
- Substance use counselor
- Alcohol and drug asssesment specialist
- Treatment planning specialist
- Case manager
- Recovery support counselor

Types of Employers

- Treatment centers
- Hospitals
- Behavioral health clinics
- Outpatient clinics
- Correctional facilities
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Recovery programs

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Best Value Clinical Counseling School
Wayne State College's Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate program was recognized as the No. 2 "Best Value School" in the Plains States Region for offering a high quality program at an affordable price.

Affordable Graduate Pathways
Recognition among the Top 10 Most Affordable Master's Degree Programs in the U.S. (Intelligent.com), our graduate certificates provide high-value, flexible graduate education that supports career growth.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Certificates of Advanced Studies in Counseling are offered to students and professionals who have been accepted and are completing coursework in a graduate counseling program or related field or have a completed graduate degree in counseling or a related field. This coursework is aimed at providing classes typically needed in addition to a graduate counseling degree for application towards Nebraska state licensure for drug and alcohol counseling.

Addictions Counseling graduate certificate courses (12 credit hours)

CSL 541 Dual Diagnosis and Addiction Disorders 3
CSL 545 Clinical Issues in Substance-related and Addictive Disorders 3
CSL 549 Alcohol/Drug Assessment, Case Planning and Management 3
Select one of the following 3

- CSL 605 Clinical Psychopharmacology (3)
- PSY 540 Psychopharmacology (3)

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