

DRUG AND ADDICTION STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Introduction

The Graduate Certificate in Drug and Addiction Studies is a cross-disciplinary program offered by the College of Social Work for post baccalaureate students interested in advanced education in addictions.

The purpose of the program is to expand professional capacity in prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery for individuals and families impacted by the disease of addiction.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to recognize the development and impact of addiction as being based in neurobiological, sociological, and psychological processes.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge in current, relevant evidence-based approaches in prevention, intervention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and recovery for substance use disorders and addictions.
- Students will be able to identify unique properties of various substances included in the DSM 5 classifications of substance-related disorders, including alcohol, caffeine, cannabis, hallucinogens, inhalants, opioids, sedatives, hypnotics, stimulants, tobacco, and other substances.
- Students will be able to accurately diagnose substance use disorders and describe how these disorders impact individuals, families and communities.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of co-occurring disorders and risk and protective factors for special at-risk populations, including but not limited to, adolescents, women, veterans, ethnic groups, older adults, and the LGBTQIA+ community.