

## Program Description

Do you have a passion to help people in emotional or psychological need or those that abuse alcohol or drugs? If so, a career as a Substance Abuse Counselor may be for you. ACC's Human Services- Substance Abuse Counseling Department offers students the opportunity to meet license requirements for chemical dependency counseling (LCDC) and/or to work in a variety of human services environments. Students who complete courses and field work required in each program will meet the eligibility requirements of the Texas Department of State Health Services to take the licensure exams for Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor.

ACC is a founding member of the Texas Addiction Technology Transfer Center consortium. The consortium's mission is to increase the number of minority counselors in publicly funded chemical dependency treatment centers and to upgrade the quality of counselor education.

## Career Opportunities

Demand is expected to be strong for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors. There is a tremendous opportunity for bilingual Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors. Graduates care for the mentally disabled and developmentally challenged, provide substance abuse treatment, work as psychiatric technicians, provide services in social work settings, and provide services in faith-based organizations. According to [www.onetonline.com](http://www.onetonline.com) the average salary for a Chemical Dependency Counselor in the state of Texas is \$46,361.

## Options

### Associate of Applied Science Degree

Human Services - Substance Abuse Counseling  
.....67 credit hours  
(2 years)

### Certificate

Human Services - Substance Abuse Counseling  
.....36 credit hours  
(1 year)

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## Human Services - Substance Abuse Counseling

Associate of Applied Science Degree

First Semester	credits
Composition I	3
General Psychology	3
Introduction to Social Work	3
Pharmacology of Addiction	3
Practicum Substance Abuse or Coop Ed I - Psychiatric/Mental Health Services	3
Second Semester	credits
Composition II	3
Introductory Sociology	3
MENH Elective	3
Counseling Theories	3
Coop Ed I - Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counseling or Coop Ed II - Psychiatric/Mental Health Services	3
Basic Counseling Skills	3
Third Semester	credits
Anatomy and Physiology or General Biology	4
Life-Span Growth and Development	3
Assessments and Procedures	3
Counseling Alcohol & Other Drug Addictions	3
Coop Ed II-Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counseling or Coop Ed III-Psychiatric/Mental Health Services	3
Fourth Semester	credits
Addicted Family Intervention	3
Current Issues	3
Dynamics of Group Counseling	3
Co-Occurring Disorders	3
Substance Abuse Prevention	3
Elective: Visual & Performing Arts/Humanities	3
<b>Human Services - Substance Abuse Counseling (A.A.S.) Degree – credit hours</b>	<b>67</b>

## Human Services - Substance Abuse Counseling

Certificate

First Semester	credits
Introduction to Social Work	3
Pharmacology of Addiction	3
Assessment and Procedures	3
Counseling Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions	3
Dynamics of Group Counseling	3
Practicum Substance Abuse Counseling or Coop Ed I - Psychiatric/Mental Health Svcs Tech	3
Second Semester	credits
Counseling Theories	3
Current Issues	3
Co-Occurring Disorders	3
Special Topics in Psychiatric/Mental Health Services	3
Addicted Family Intervention	3
Coop Ed I - Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counseling or Coop Ed II - Psychiatric/Mental Health Svcs Tech	3
<b>Human Services - Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate – credit hours</b>	<b>36</b>