

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES CERTIFICATE



**VERMONT IS INCREASINGLY IN NEED OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONALS TO SERVE IN THE AREAS OF PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, TREATMENT, ENFORCEMENT, AND RECOVERY. BE A PART OF THIS IMPORTANT WORK!**

## Why Our Program Works

CCV's substance abuse services certificate prepares you for entry-level work and advancement within the profession. Our program has been approved by the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board as appropriate training for becoming a substance abuse counselor. The curriculum prepares you for progressive levels of examination, certification, and recertification within the field and addresses immediate workforce training needs and requirements. In addition, our faculty are working professionals who will prepare students for certification exams and connect them to hands-on learning opportunities.

Becoming certified in the state of Vermont is a process involving both work experience and formal training. Both require specified numbers of hours which, in the latter case, result in the awarding of Continuing Education Units (CEUs). CCV's program provides necessary CEUs while also earning college credit towards a degree. Each approved 3-credit course provides 42 CEU's.

Our certificate program can also be completed as part of CCV's human services associate degree program. Many core requirements are shared, and additional substance abuse courses can be taken as electives within the degree. You can use these credits to transfer into four-year substance abuse programs within the state, such as those offered by Champlain College, Johnson State College, Springfield College, College of St. Joseph, and elsewhere.

## What Can I Do with This Certificate?

There are many positions currently available in this field, and the need is growing. You can become a Student Assistance Professional (SAP) and work in high schools as a prevention specialist. You may also work with state and private agencies, or as an assistant in private practice, in such areas as case management, intervention, and group facilitation. Eventually you may qualify as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) and with additional education, this may lead to private practice as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LACD).

For further information on the official certification process for Apprentice Substance Abuse Counselors (CASAC) and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC), and to see how CCV's Substance Abuse Services program helps to provide many of these requirements, please go to the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board's website at <http://vtercertificationboard.org>.



*"There are a variety of career opportunities within the areas of substance abuse prevention and treatment. It is a growing field which needs people with a sound background in human services, as well as in specialized substance abuse education. The movement toward improving the quality of healthcare has raised the demand for qualified professionals in this area."*

—Barbara A. Cimaglio  
Deputy Commissioner for  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse  
Programs, Vermont  
Department of Health



**Substance Abuse Program Requirements**

Each 3-credit course provides 42 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

- PSY-1130 - Introduction to Substance Abuse
- PSY-1050 - Human Growth & Development
- PSY-1140 - Substance Abuse: Family & Society
- PSY-1150 - Substance Abuse: Services & Treatment
- SWK-2010 - Introduction to Case Management
- SWK-2011 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- PSY-2180 - Co-occurring Issues in Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- PSY-2420 - Group Process: Theory & Practice
- EDU-2860 - Community & Work Experience  
*(includes 15 hours class time and 80 - 90 hours field placement)*

**Total Credits: 27**

*All courses are three credits unless otherwise noted.*



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[www.ccv.edu/apply](http://www.ccv.edu/apply).



CCV's Substance Abuse Services certificate is approved by the Vermont Alcohol & Drug Abuse Certification Board to provide appropriate training that meets core competencies for substance abuse counselors.

*"I've taught several of the substance abuse courses that are part of the new CCV substance abuse certificate program since 1989. All students who took these courses with me went on to pass the written and oral CADC exams. This indicates to me that the CCV courses definitely contain many of the key concepts and knowledge required to perform competently as an alcohol and drug abuse clinician."*

—Richard W. Keane,  
 MA, LADC, ADAP  
 Program Coordinator  
 and CCV faculty member

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