

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

## Substance Abuse Services

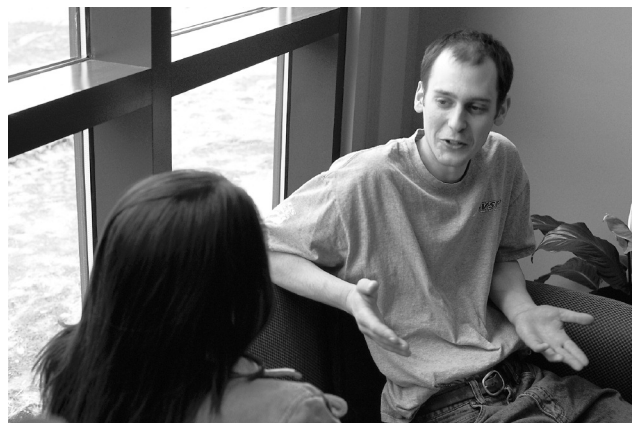
This program has been approved by the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board for providing appropriate training that meets the core competencies for becoming a Substance Abuse Counselor. The curriculum prepares students for progressive levels of examination, certification, and recertification within the substance abuse field. Each course provides 42 continuing education units. This program does not replace state certification by official examination.

## Program Outcomes

*Successful graduates will be able to:*

- recognize the range of services that substance abuse professionals provide and identify theories and models of practice in relation to prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery;
- describe chemical dependency and its consequences for individual, family and social systems, and co-occurring issues such as mental health, poverty, homelessness, domestic violence and delinquency;
- practice effective observation, interpersonal communication, and group facilitation techniques and demonstrate appropriate ethical practices when working with diverse clients;
- complete Vermont state examination for Certified Apprentice Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) with a passing score; and
- explore pathways for educational and career development in the student's field of study.

**Total credits: 27**



## Required Courses

*All courses are 3 credits unless specified.*

- PSY-1130 - Introduction to Substance Abuse
- PSY-1050 - Human Growth & Development
- PSY-1150 - Substance Abuse: Services & Treatment
- PSY-2420 - Group Process: Theory & Practice
- PSY-1140 - Substance Abuse: Family & Society
- SWK-2010 - Introduction to Case Management
- SWK-2011 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- PSY-2180 - Co-occurring Issues in Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- SWK-2860 - Community & Work Experience
- Certified Apprentice Substance Abuse Counselor Examination (CASAC)

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