

# SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS COUNSELING

**Program Number:** 10-550-1

Associate of Applied Science Degree

**Campus:** Fond du Lac

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

Prepare to evaluate and counsel clients with substance use disorders with the Substance Use Disorders Counseling associate degree program at Moraine Park.

## About the Program

Substance abuse impacts roughly 1 in 10 people in the U.S., people who need help learning healthy lifestyles and coping mechanisms.

Substance Use Disorders Counselors, also known as Alcohol and Other Drug (AODA) Counselors, help clients and their families develop new lifestyles and coping methods to resolve personal conflicts. The Substance Use Disorders Counseling field has a positive job outlook and is growing much faster than average (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/substance-abuse-behavioral-disorder-and-mental-health-counselors.htm>).

## What You'll Learn

Students gain foundational knowledge, skills and experience necessary to treat and counsel clients. Graduates are prepared to evaluate clients and develop treatment plans. Successful Substance Use Disorders Counselors are excellent listeners, writers and negotiators. They also have a passion for helping and assisting others.

The program meets all educational requirements for counselor certification and prepares graduates for the counselor certification examination.

After completing Moraine Park's associate degree in Substance Use Disorders Counseling, students are awarded 500 hours for being an approved program and an additional 468 hours of clinical experience. This totals 968 hours toward the required 3,000 hours of clinical experience needed for counselor certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor with the Department of Safety and Professional Services of the State of Wisconsin.

## Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable, accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

## Additional Information

**State Licensure Disclosure:** Moraine Park Technical College offers programs designed to meet the educational requirements leading to licensure or certification that may be required for employment in certain professions. See Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/professional-licensure-and-certification-disclosure/>) for more details.

Licensing Organization: Department of Safety and Professional Services (<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/SubstanceAbuseCounselorInTraining/Default.aspx>)

## Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

This program also requires:

- Criminal Background Check

## Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

## Approximate Costs

### Tuition

#### Occupational

- \$152.85 per credit (resident)
- \$229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

#### Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$192.20 per credit (resident)
- \$288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

### Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with

28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received.

Several factors influence the total cost of your degree, including enrollment fees, the number of credits required, textbooks and equipment. [Financial aid](https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/) (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) can assist with those costs.

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
550-200	Introduction to the SUDC Profession	3
550-201	Understanding Substance Use	3
550-210	Boundaries and Ethics - Helping Professions	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
809-198	Introduction To Psychology	3
890-101	College 101	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
550-203	Overview of Mental Health Disorders	3
550-205	Counseling Theory	3
550-206	Introduction to Interviewing and Counseling Skills	3
550-207	Psychopharmacology	3
Social Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
550-202	Foundations of Case Management	3
550-204	Group Facilitation	3
550-208	SUDC Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment	3
550-209	Family Systems	3
Communication Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
550-161	Motivational Interviewing	3
550-211	Clinical Experience I	3
550-212	Clinical Experience II	3
Mathematics Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/mathematics/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/mathematics/</a> ) or Natural Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/natural-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/natural-science/</a> )		3
Behavioral Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>63</b>

## Program Outcomes

- Evaluate client for SUD treatment
- Develop individualized treatment plans
- Facilitate client referrals
- Counsel Clients
- Provide education relevant to substance use and recovery
- Produce professional SUDC documentation
- Manage Client Case(s)
- Display professional conduct in the clinical setting
- Develop professional relationships with client(s)
- Apply personal wellness strategies for the helping professions

## Pathways

- Substance Use Disorders Counseling Associate Degree (p. 1)
  - Substance Use Disorders Counseling Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/substance-use-disorders-counseling-certificate/>)

Earn a certificate and associate degree along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

## Career Opportunities

- Substance Abuse Counselor (in training)
- House Manager CBRF
- Project Coordinator/County Substance Abuse Council
- Substance Abuse Intake Worker
- Crisis Worker
- Relief Worker
- Counselor Aide
- Human Service Worker
- Case Manager

## Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$48,680