

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

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer Opportunities (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/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's Substance Use Disorders Counseling program prepares students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states. Visit the Accreditation (<http://www.morainepark.edu/about-mptc/accreditation/#accreditation>) page for more details about accreditation and licensure.

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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

Earn college credit outside the classroom through Moraine Park's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Credit opportunities are available for:

- Previous college coursework from prior institutions
- Military training and experience
- Passing of MPTC or national exams
- Skills or knowledge developed on the job or through other life experiences

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

Approximate Costs

- \$141.00 per credit (resident)
- \$211.50 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.
- Please refer to the MPTC Student Handbook (<http://www.morainepark.edu/studenthandbook/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is provided to aid eligible associate degree and technical diploma programs with 28 credits or more. Processing can take 6-8 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received. Visit the Financial Aid (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) page to learn more.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
550-106	Physiological Complications and Psychopharmacology	3
550-112	Client Rights, Confidentiality and Ethics	3
550-125	Counseling Skills and Practice	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
809-198	Introduction To Psychology	3
890-101	College 101	2
Credits		18
Semester 2		
550-121	Introduction to Substance Abuse Treatment	4
550-140	Counseling Theory and Practice	3
550-141	Group Facilitation	3
550-142	Introduction to Community Mental Health	3

Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/)	3
Credits	16
Semester 3	
550-131 Crisis Management	2
550-135 Diversity in Counseling	3
550-150 Family Systems	3
Mathematics Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/mathematics/) or Natural Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/natural-science/)	3
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)	3
Credits	14
Semester 4	
550-155 Substance Use Disorders Counseling Internship Seminar	3
550-156 Substance Use Disorders Counseling Internship 1	4
550-157 Substance Use Disorders Counseling Internship 2	4
550-161 Motivational Interviewing	3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)	3
Credits	17
Total Credits	65

Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$42,220

Program Outcomes

- Critically evaluate for substance use disorders and treatment needs.
- Develop treatment plans.
- Facilitate referral to meet needs.
- Demonstrate service coordination skills.
- Demonstrate counseling skills with individuals, groups and families.
- Provide education relevant to substance use.
- Maintain clinical records according to agency, federal and state guidelines.
- Adhere to accepted culturally competent, ethical and behavioral conduct.

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