



## Program of Study: Certificate of Completion in Advanced Graduate Studies in Addiction Counseling

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### Program Description:

The Certificate of Completion in Advance Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Addiction Counseling program is designed for individuals that currently possess a Master's degree or higher in Counseling, Social Work, Psychology, or Marriage and Family Therapy, who wish to further specialize in the study of addiction. This certificate prepares the professional to treat substance abuse\dependency disorders.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credit Hours
PCN 511	Introduction to Chemical Dependency Counseling	This course provides a broad understanding of the stages, processes, and effects of chemical dependency, social and psychological dynamics of chemical dependency, and the professional's role in prevention, intervention, and aftercare. This course will also explore theories of addiction, drug classification, assessment, and treatment.	3
PCN 527	Psychopharmacology & Addictions	This course provides a broad understanding of psychopharmacology theories of drug abuse, addiction, and treatment. The student is introduced to the basic principles of pharmacology, anatomy, and physiology as applied to the major classes of psychoactive drugs of abuse/addiction. It also examines the effects of various drugs on human behavior. The course introduces drugs that are being developed to support drug treatment such as methadone, suboxone and neloxone. Emphasis is placed on basic principles of drug ingestion, distribution, elimination, dose response relationships, neurotransmitter chemicals, and synaptic activity.	3
PCN 529	Co-occurring Disorders	This course introduces students to psychiatric disorders in combination with an alcohol and/or drug abuse disorder or co-occurring disorder. This course will examine how the treatment needs of persons with a co-occurring disorder differ significantly from the treatment needs of persons with only an alcohol and/or drug abuse disorder or a psychiatric disorder.	3
PCN 531	Family Issues and Addictive Disorders	This course examines the role of alcohol and/or drug addiction in family systems. Various modalities designed to intervene in the alcohol and/or drug addicted family system will be discussed. The treatment roles and responsibilities of addicted persons and their families will also be examined.	3

*Total Certificate of Completion in Advanced Graduate Studies in Addiction Counseling Credits: 12*