

Substance Abuse & Addictions Counseling

Associate of Arts

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This program is offered in a hybrid format - discuss options with your advisor.

Program Website (<https://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/substanceabuse/>)

The Substance Abuse & Addictions Counseling AA prepares individuals for careers in the addictions field. The program is designed to develop the student's skills to provide therapeutic services for people dealing with substance abuse, and with an emphasis on helping them maintain recovery and prevent relapse. Graduates will be prepared for entry into the drug and alcohol counseling profession. By pursuing this emphasis, students complete both a general Associate of Arts degree and the preparatory coursework required to become a licensed addictions counselor. It also allows for transfer to a variety of baccalaureate programs.

Outcomes

Graduates are prepared to:

- Apply the diverse theoretical foundations of addiction and substance use to the hands-on practice in the treatment setting, with a particular focus upon trauma, addiction and substance use disorder for a diverse population.
- Blend theoretical knowledge and applied skills in a variety of settings, including screening, intake, assessment, treatment planning, relapse prevention and case management.
- Engage in the application of a range of models and modalities in the treatment of addiction and substance abuse disorders.
- Acquire foundational knowledge in matters pertaining to legal standards, professional guidelines and ethical issues.

Estimated Cost

Estimated Resident Program Cost*

Tuition and Fees	\$7,064
Books/Supplies	\$2,690
Total	\$9,784

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Fall 2023 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums may be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website (<http://students.gfcmsu.edu/insurance.html>) and/or Student Central for confirmed premium rates. Students will be charged an additional fee of \$21 per credit for online/hybrid courses for only Summer 2023.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
First Year			
Fall			
BIOH 112	Human Form and Function I +	4	_____
CAPP 131	Basic MS Office +	3	_____

PSYX 100	Introduction to Psychology +	3	_____
PSYX 150	Drugs and Society +	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
WRIT 101	College Writing I **,+	3	_____
WRIT 121	Intro to Technical Writing **,+	3	_____

Credits 16

Spring			
CAS 140	Addictions and Diversity (N) +	3	_____
CAS 242	Fundamentals of Substance Abuse and Addiction **,+	3	_____
CAS 252	Gambling and Game Disorders in Substance Abuse Counseling **,+	2	_____
CAS 279	Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Substance Abuse Counseling **,+	2	_____
COMX 115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication +	3	_____

Choose one of the Following:

M 105	Contemporary Mathematics **, +	3	_____
STAT 216	Introduction to Statistics **, +	4	_____

Credits 16-17

Second Year			
Fall			
CAS 231	Pharmacology/Addictions **,+	3	_____
CAS 243	Substance Abuse Counseling I **,+	3	_____
CAS 254	Co-Occurring Disorders-Assessment & Treatment Planning **,+	2	_____
CAS 264	Fundamentals of Group Dynamics for Substance Abuse Counselors **,+	3	_____
PSYX 240	Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology **,+	3	_____
Any Fine Arts or Humanities Core Class +		3	_____

Credits 17

Spring			
CAS 248	Substance Abuse Counseling II **,+	3	_____
CAS 250	Assessment and Case Management Processes **,+	4	_____
CAS 260	Addiction Assessment/Documentation **,+	3	_____
CAS 295	Field Work/Clinical/Practicum **,+	1	_____
Any Fine Arts or Humanities Core Class +		3	_____
Any Natural Science w/lab Core Class +		4	_____

Credits 18

Total Credits 67-68

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 A grade of C- or above is required for graduation.

*
 Indicates prerequisites needed.

**
 Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment.

Note: Students planning to transfer to UM's Bachelor of Social Work should check those requirements as well. <https://health.umt.edu/socialwork/>