

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:

- Demonstrate entry level skill set needed to perform the duties of a licensed addictions counselor candidate and pass the licensing exam.
- Describe the interaction between mental health and addiction and the scope of practice for an addictions counselor.
- Practice under the NAADAC code of ethics and understand the legal, ethical and professional issues facing addictions counselors.
- Incorporate knowledge about cultural and socioeconomic factors and how they impact the treatment and recovery process in their practice as addictions counselors.
- Identify treatment and recovery resources in the community and understand how to use these resources to support clients in their recovery.

Estimated Cost

Estimated Resident Program Cost*

Tuition and Fees	\$8,056
Lab/Course Fees	\$35
Books/Supplies	\$2,373
Total	\$10,464

* Fall 2024 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.

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	Introduction 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	_____
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CAS 279	Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Substance Abuse Counseling **,+	2	_____
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COMX 115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication +	3	_____
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Choose one of the Following:

M 105	Contemporary Mathematics **, +	3	_____
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STAT 216	Introduction to Statistics **, +	4	_____
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Credits 16-17

Second Year

Fall

CAS 231	Pharmacology/Addictions **,+	3	_____
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CAS 243	Substance Abuse Counseling I **,+	3	_____
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CAS 254	Co-Occurring Disorders-Assessment & Treatment Planning **,+	2	_____
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CAS 264	Fundamentals of Group Dynamics for Substance Abuse Counselors **,+	3	_____
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PSYX 240	Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology **,+	3	_____
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Any Fine Arts or Humanities Core Class +		3	_____
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Credits 17

Spring

CAS 248	Substance Abuse Counseling II **,+	3	_____
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CAS 250	Assessment and Case Management Processes **,+	4	_____
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CAS 260	Addiction Assessment/ Documentation **,+	3	_____
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CAS 295	Field Work/Clinical/Practicum **,+	1	_____
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Any Fine Arts or Humanities Core Class +		3	_____
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Any Natural Science w/lab Core Class +		4	_____
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Credits 18

Total Credits 67-68

+ 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/>