

Addiction Studies Certificate

HEGIS: 5506.00

PROGRAM CODE: 30009

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DEPARTMENT: ALLIED HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Addiction Studies Certificate is designed to prepare students for a career in substance abuse counseling. Successful completion of the entire course of study satisfies the education requirements for the Certification in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling (CASAC Trainee) from the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

The curriculum presented here applies to students who started the Certificate in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. If you enrolled as a matriculant prior to that, please see the *College Catalog* for the year you started the Certificate as a matriculant for the curriculum requirements that apply to you.

Consultation with the Program Advisor is required.

College Requirements:

English and Math proficient as determined by the CUNY Proficiency Index, unless otherwise exempt, or successful completion of any required developmental course(s).

Required Core (1 Course, 3 Credits):

- ENG 1200 - Composition I 3 Credit(s)
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Certificate Requirements (9 Courses, 27 Credits):

- SAC 2000 - Introduction to Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counseling 3 Credit(s)
 - SAC 2200 - Basic Techniques in Substance Abuse Counseling I 3 Credit(s)
 - SAC 2400 - Basic Techniques in Substance Abuse Counseling II 3 Credit(s)
 - SAC 2600 - Ethics, Confidentiality and the Counselor-Client Relationship in Substance Abuse Treatment 3 Credit(s)
 - SAC 2800 - Behavioral Health Care Treatment Approaches 3 Credit(s)
 - SAC 3000 - Compulsive Gambling: Treatment and Prevention for Substance Abuse Counselors 4 Credit(s)
 - SAC 3200 - Addiction and the Family 2 Credit(s)
 - SAC 91A0 - Substance Abuse Counseling - Field Internship I 3 Credit(s)
 - SAC 91B0 - Substance Abuse Counseling - Field Internship II 3 Credit(s)
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Notes:

Students who successfully complete the Certificate in Addiction Studies also meet the education requirements for the Certification in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling (CASAC Trainee) from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

New York State is a member of the [International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium \(IC&RC\)](#) organization. The IC&RC promotes uniform professional standards with the commitment to providing high quality services for clients. The IC&RC promotes public protection by offering internationally recognized credentials through testing and credentialing of addiction professionals. Students residing outside of New York should visit the [IC&RC Board Directory](#) to see if their state is a member of IC&RC and has a reciprocity agreement for the New York State CASAC credential.

The *Certificate in Addiction Studies* is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC), 1001 N. Fairfax, Street Suite 201, Alexandria, VA 22314 and the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (NYS-OASAS), New York City Office, 501 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10018-5903 and Albany Office, 1450 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203-3526.

Total Credits: 30