



Minot State
UNIVERSITY



Bachelor of Science

ADDICTION STUDIES

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The bachelor of science degree in **ADDICTION STUDIES** prepares students for careers as a licensed addiction counselors in the state of North Dakota, as well as for other human service careers.

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What do addiction counselors do?

Addiction counselors work to prevent and treat addiction disorders. Working one-on-one and in group sessions they help clients:

- Understand addiction and develop strategies to maintain a sober lifestyle
- Learn how to cope with stress and life's problems
- Rebuild professional relationships and reestablish careers
- Improve their personal relationships with family and friends

Where do addiction counselors work?

Addiction counselors work in a variety of settings, such as mental health centers, hospitals, prisons, private practice, and research institutions. They work closely with psychologists, psychiatrists and the legal system.

Admission requirements

There are no admission requirements for the Addiction studies program, however in order to graduate students must have a 3.0 in the course requirements for the major.

Coursework and research opportunities

Addiction studies majors take general studies core classes, psychology classes, and courses from other disciplines to provide a broader understanding of addiction and treatment. Students will study the physiological effects of drug use, the dynamics of addiction, treatment methods, and receive practical experience in addiction counseling. Our students frequently conduct and assist faculty members with addictions research.

Internship required for licensing

A nine-month supervised clinical experience is a requirement for licensing as an addiction counselor in North Dakota. We offer students internship opportunities in inpatient hospital and outpatient addiction treatment settings and a residential treatment center for adolescents. Graduates who complete their internships are eligible to take the state licensure exam.

Employment outlook

Employment of addiction counselors is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations in 2020. The highest demand, 44 percent higher than average for most jobs, is expected in residential mental health and substance abuse facilities.

Is addiction studies right for you?

Being an addictions counselor can be extremely rewarding, but it also can be stressful. The rewards include helping clients and families improve their health, well being, and prevent future generations from experiencing similar problems. Challenges include large workloads, high demand for services, and limited resources. You may have to intervene in crisis situations and work with agitated clients; you will be taught techniques and skills necessary to cope with these situations.

Department of Addiction Studies, Psychology, and Social Work

Our faculty members are sought after for their scholarly expertise and their contributions to the community. They have both the academic training and the real world experience to provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to be an effective addictions counselor. Faculty members are involved in research related to addictions and are actively involved in state licensure and setting national standards for addiction studies education.

College of Education and Health Sciences

Minot State University's College of Education and Health Sciences is internationally known for producing quality professionals and pre-professionals in education, human service and health science. Courses required possible education and the personal attention they need to succeed. Please contact us for more information.

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COURSES REQUIRED

Bachelor of Science with a major in Addiction Studies (120 SH)

General Education (38-40 SH)

Required Core (66 SH)

ENGL 315 Professional and Technical Writing (3)
HMS 203 Health Care Through the Life Span (3)
MHA 297 Practicum (2)
MHA 338 Professional Relations and Ethics (3)
MHA 344 Dynamics of Addiction (3)
MHA 349 Psychopharmacology (3)
MHA 424 Advanced Counseling (3)
MHA 476 Group Dynamics (3)
PSY 112 Foundations of Psychology (3)
PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (4)
PSY 252 Child Psychology (3)
PSY 261 Psychology of Adjustment (3)
PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology (3)
PSY 352 Adolescent Psychology (3)
PSY 379 Psychology of Adult and Aging (3)
PSY 411 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)
PSY 423 Introduction to Counseling (3)
PSY 465 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience (3)
SS 283 Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America (3)
SOC 201 Social Problems (3)
SWK 340 Social Welfare Policy (3)
SWK 331 Systems Theory and Family Dynamics (3)

Electives (To meet the 120 SH graduation requirement)

For a list of course descriptions, go to MinotStateU.edu/addiction.

All courses subject to change.

Minot State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.