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ADDICTION STUDIES

Addiction occurs when an individual abuses alcohol, illegal street drugs, or prescribed medication over a period of time, resulting in an impairment in their personal and social functioning. Drug problems in the U. S. have created a national debate on how to curb the problem. Over 13 million adults are addicted to alcohol alone. The impact of addiction not only affects the addict but also family, friends, employers, and our social systems.

The addiction counseling profession is at the front line in preventing and treating addiction disorders. The profession has moved forward significantly over the past 25 years in its techniques, research, and professional standards. The addiction counselor today works closely with psychologists, psychiatrists and the legal system. Work settings include inpatient hospital facilities as well as outpatient mental health units.

Minot State's Addiction Studies program began training addiction counselors in 1987. Since that time the curriculum has evolved to meet the ever increasing demands placed upon the addiction counselor. Graduates of the program receive a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree and will, with the completion of the 9 month practicum, be eligible to take the examination to qualify as a Licensed Addiction Counselor. The program emphasizes understanding the physiological effects of drug use, the dynamics of addiction, and takes an eclectic approach to addiction counseling, with a heavy emphasis on practical experience. Opportunities to assist and conduct research concerning addiction are also available.

Career Opportunities

In order to be licensed within the state of North Dakota, the student must have a nine month training practicum with one of the state's six consortiums. This training can be undertaken during the student's matriculation at Minot State.

The addiction studies program at Minot State University works closely with the Northwest consortium to assure a high quality practicum experience. The practicum enables the student to gain valuable hands-on experience in a residential treatment center for adolescents, a hospital setting, and at an outpatient mental health setting. Supervision of the practicum is provided by licensed clinical supervisors

Internship

The demand for addiction counselors is high both in the state of North Dakota and in other states. This demand is expected to continue to grow the next decade. Research pertaining to drug and alcohol use also provide career opportunities.



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PROGRAM DETAILS

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Program Outline

Bachelor of Science

with a Major in Addiction Studies (128 cr)

Credits applied to the addiction studies major/minor/concentration may not be applied to the psychology major/minor/concentration.

General Education (38 cr)

Required Core (69 cr)

PSY 112

PSY 201 Dynamics of Adjustive Behavior and Mental Health (3)

PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (3)

PSY 252 Child Psychology (3)

PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology (3)

PSY 297 Practicum (2)

PSY 338 Professional Relations and Ethics (3)

PSY 344 Dynamics of Addiction (3)

PSY 349 Psychopharmacology (3)

PSY 352 Adolescent Psychology (3)

PSY 379 Psychology of Adult and Aging (3)

PSY 411 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)

PSY 413 Theories and Practice of Psychotherapy (3)

PSY 423 Introduction to Counseling (3)

PSY 424 Advanced Counseling (3)

PSY 476 Group Dynamics (3)

BOTE 127 Information Processing (3)

SOC 201 Social Problems (3)

SWK 340 Social Welfare Policy (3)

SS 283 Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America (3)

HMS 203 Health Care Through the Life Span (3)

ENGL 315 Professional and Technical Writing (3)

BIOL 150 General Biology I: Intro to Cellular Biology (4)

Take one of the following (3 cr)

SWK 331 Systems Theory and Family Dynamics (3)

PSY 420 Family Dynamics (2)

Nine month clinical experience is required for North Dakota licensure.

Addiction Studies Minor (24 cr)

Credits applied to the addiction studies minor may not be applied to the psychology major/minor/concentration.

PSY 338 Professional Relations and Ethics (3)

PSY 344 Dynamics of Addiction (3)

PSY 349 Psychopharmacology (3)

PSY 411 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)

PSY 413 Theories and Practice of Psychotherapy (3)

SWK 331 Systems Theory and Family Dynamics (3) OR
PSY 420 Family Dynamics (3)

PSY 423 Introduction to Counseling (3)

PSY 424 Advanced Counseling (3)

Addiction Studies Concentration (12 cr)

Credits applied to the addiction studies concentration may not be applied to the psychology major/minor/concentration.

PSY 201 Dynamics of Adjustive Behavior and Mental Health (3)

PSY 338 Professional Relations and Ethics (3)

PSY 344 Dynamics of Addiction (3)

PSY 349 Psychopharmacology (3)