

CREDENTIALLED ALCOHOLISM & SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR TRAINING

Substance abuse providers in New York State are approaching a workforce depletion as qualified staff are leaving the field at a rate that exceeds those entering the field. SUNY Ulster answers the demand for Credentialed Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counselors by offering its OASAS approved 350 hours of Education & Training, the first step for those seeking full New York State CASAC credentialing. With the competitive market for counselors and mental health providers, a CASAC certification can help pave the way for both direct patient care and supervisory positions in the area of substance abuse and addiction. Earning a CASAC credential offers a competitive edge for anyone in the fields of counseling, education, nursing, or any other human service profession. SUNY Ulster offers year-round day and evening programs, as well as FAST TRACK study that allows those enrolled the ability to complete their training hours in six months.

Program Requirements

In order to become a CASAC in New York State, students must:

- (1) meet specific competency and ethical conduct requirements;
- (2) meet specific work experience requirements;
- (3) meet minimum education and training requirements;
- (4) pass the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) examination for Alcohol and Drug Counselors. All the stated requirements are overseen and/or coordinated by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS).

Student should possess a minimum of a high school diploma or a TASC/HSE (Formerly GED®) certificate and be at least 18 years old. Individuals in recovery should have a minimum of two continuous years of recovery.

Education & Training Requirements

Section I: Knowledge of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse-85 hours.

Section II: Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counseling-150 hours

Section III: Assessment; Clinical Evaluation; Treatment Planning; Case Management; Patient, Family & Community Education-70 hours

Section IV: Professional & Ethical Responsibilities-45 hours

Job Outlook

Employment of substance abuse behavioral disorder counselors is projected to grow 22% from 2014-2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth is expected as addiction and mental health counseling services are increasingly covered by insurance policies.

Source: onenetonline.com

Did you know you could use much of your SUNY Ulster Human Services coursework to satisfy most of the CASAC 350-hour Education & Training requirement?

Call to speak with a program coordinator to find out how.

DID YOU KNOW?

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DAY PROGRAM-FAST TRACK

Designed to address the needs of those who wish to prepare for a career in substance abuse counseling or those who wish to enhance their skills as social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, rehabilitation counselors, mental health counselors, substance abuse counselors, marriage and family therapists, and school counselors. **Instructor: C. Leiserson, MAC, CASAC, ICADC**

DCB 1803-32 T-R 2/7-6/29 8:30am-3pm KSU \$2,800
 No class 3/15-3/16

Students may prefer to register for the 350-hour program by section.

To do so please use the following registration codes:

SECTION I

DCB 1037-26 T-R 2/7-3/9 8:30am-3pm KSU \$680

SECTION II

DCB 1038-26 T-R 3/21-5/16 8:30am-3pm KSU \$1,200

SECTION III

DCB 1039-26 T-R 5/17-6/13 8:30am-3pm KSU \$560

SECTION IV

DCB 1040-26 T-R 6/14-6/29 8:30am-3pm KSU \$360

EVENING PROGRAM

Evening program, already in session, **has continuous and open enrollment.** For those students who require evening hours, an individualized schedule can be created. **Instructor: D. Hale, CASAC, CPP**

**On weeks where holidays fall on Monday, alternate class dates are scheduled, the information for which is found below.*

SECTION II

DCB 1038-25 M/W ongoing-5/10 5-9pm KSU \$1,200

Alternate class date: 2/21. No class 2/20, 3/13-15

SECTION III

DCB 1039-25 M/W 5/15-7/12 5-9pm KSU \$560

SECTION IV

DCB 1040-25 M/W 7/17-8/23 5-9pm KSU \$360

Alternate class date: 5/30. No class 5/29.

Payment plan schedule and course codes for day & evening programs.

DAY PROGRAM

Section II-I	DCB 1646-09	3/21-4/5	\$400
Section II-II	DCB 1647-09	4/6-5/2	\$400
Section II-III	DCB 1648-09	5/3-5/16	\$400

EVENING PROGRAM

Section II-I	DCB 1721-08	12/12-1/25	\$300
Section II-II	DCB 1722-08	1/30-2/22	\$300
Section II-III	DCB 1723-08	2/27-3/29	\$300
Section II-IV	DCB1724-08	4/3-5/10	\$300
Section III-I	DCB 1731-08	5/15-5/31	\$280
Section III-II	DCB 1732-08	6/5-7/12	\$280

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MASTERS LEVEL TRAINING

Individuals who have completed a Masters in a major that would lead to state education department (SED) licensure in one of the following five disciplines: social work; mental health counseling; marriage and family therapy; psychotherapy; or creative arts therapy are only required by OASAS to complete the 85 hours of Section I and OASAS' one-time requirements. Obtaining a masters in one of the disciplines noted above represents completion of Section II-IV. Master's Level professionals can earn their Section I training hours at SUNY Ulster.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

SUNY Ulster is an approved training provider by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and offers professional trainings for those professionals requiring renewal hours.

FREE! SO YOU WANT TO BE A CREDENTIALLED ALCOHOLISM & SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR (CASAC)

For those interested in becoming an addictions counselor or for professionals who wish to re-specialize in addiction counseling, these sessions will address the training, education, and competencies required. Speak to a Program Coordinator about how academic coursework may substitute for some of the requisite training hours.

DCB 1853-23	W	1/11	6-7pm	KSU	FREE
DCB 1853-24	M	3/6	6-7:30pm	KSU	FREE
DCB 1853-25	M	5/1	6-7:30pm	KSU	FREE
DCB 1853-26	M	6/5	6-7:30pm	KSU	FREE

CRIMINAL THINKING

Learn to look at strategies for modifying substance abuse services for criminal justice clients by helping the clinician to learn how to intervene with criminal thinking. This course will look to describe and provide examples of common criminal thinking errors in the offender population, helping mental health practitioners become more aware of thinking errors and thinking distortions and assisting change agents in facilitating the criminal thinking process.

DCB 0971-02	T/R	3/7-3/9	6-9pm	KSU	\$75
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UNDERSTANDING DRUG USE & ADDICTION: A PRIMER FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS

Designed for anyone affected by addiction, this training will answer basic questions about the nature of addiction as well as look at treatment, recovery, and the roles a loved one can play in all.

DCB 2088-01	S	4/8	9:30am-3:30pm	KSU	\$75
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CASAC EXAM REVIEW

Learn what to expect on the CASAC exam and how to successfully prepare for it. Designed to give students a thorough description of the exam structure as well as its rules and content area. Learn the best strategies to successfully answer multiple choice questions, be given detailed guidelines for studying and improving test-taking skills, and practice with sample questions. Required texts: *Getting Ready to Test: A Review/Preparation Manual for Drug and Alcohol Credentialing Examinations* available for purchase at <http://www.readytotest.com/P&RMaterials/p&rmaterials.htm> and SAMHSA's *TAP 21: Addiction Counseling Competencies* available for free download at

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/TAP-21-Addiction-Counseling-Competencies/SMA15-4171>

DCB 1763-04	R/F	6/8-6/9	9am-4pm	KSU	\$249
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