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# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR**



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## Substance Abuse Counselor

Morehead State University is offering courses designed to meet the needs of the Kentucky Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board's requirements.

## Admissions

Students must hold a bachelor's degree in social work, sociology, psychology or a related field. Students who have a degree in another field must have permission of the director of the Social Work Program.

Students must apply and be admitted as a graduate student at MSU.

This program is not a master's degree. Students do have the option to pursue a master's degree in other areas at MSU.

## Job Opportunities for Substance Abuse Counselors

The Kentucky Chemical Dependency Certification Board estimates that in east Kentucky the need for certified substance abuse counselors is doubling. The board predicts that the need for certified counselors will continue to increase (especially in this area where there is a lack of qualified and trained chemical dependency counselors).

Many people ask where can I expect to find employment as a substance abuse counselor? Certified substance abuse counselors can be found in a variety of settings including: private practice, public service agencies, schools, prisons, probation offices, court systems, outpatient and residential treatment facilities, private corporations and employee assistance programs among others.

## COURSES LEADING TO CERTIFICATION

Morehead State University is offering a series of five courses to meet the Kentucky Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board's requirement. Courses must be taken sequentially.

**SWK 660. Introduction to Chemical Dependency.** (3-0-3). The purpose of this course is to gain an understanding of the theories that underlie addiction and gain a basic understanding of counseling approaches to addiction. This course will survey biological, psychological, familial, and sociological impacts of chemical dependency attitudes and behaviors.

**SWK 661. Alcohol, Alcoholism, and Chemical Dependency.** (3-0-3). This course will study cultural attitudes and customs regarding alcohol, alcoholism, and other drugs. It will study the influences that effect personal choices; problem drinking and addiction. Basic techniques for prevention strategies, treatment modalities and intervention techniques will be studied.

**SWK 662. Approaches to Chemical Dependency Treatment I.** (3-0-3). This course will study approaches to chemical dependency counseling, using international certification guidelines. It will include: screening techniques, intake techniques, orientation, assessment, intervention, education, referral, record keeping, HIV information and consultation.

**SWK 663. Approaches to Chemical Dependency Treatment II.** (3-0-3). This course is a continuation of Approaches to Chemical Dependency Treatment I and advance studies of approaches to chemical dependency counseling, using international certification guidelines. It will include counseling approaches, ethical issues, and issues related to special populations.

**SWK 664. Practicum in Chemical Dependency.** (3-0-3). Clinical practicum consisting of 135 hours under the direct supervision of a chemical dependency counselor. Will provide student the opportunity to conduct groups, provide individual counseling, and develop treatment plans.