Chemical Dependency Studies Certificate

FULL TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

Total Units: 38

First Year

Semester 1

12 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	SWCD 300 Introduction to Social Work	3	
Req	SWCD 310 Ethical Issues and Client's Rights	3	
RE	PSYC 305 Psychology Applied to Modern Life	3	
Req	SWCD 340 Introduction to Chemical Dependency **or** PSYC 400 Introduction to Chemical Dependency	3 3	

Semester 2

13 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	SWCD 341 Physiology and Pharmacology: Alcohol & Other Drugs **or** PSYC 401 Physiology and Pharmacology: Alcohol & Other Drugs	3 3	SWCD 340 or PSYC 400
Req	SWCD 360 Techniques of Interviewing and Counseling	3	SWCD 300
Req	SWCD 330 Issues of Diverse Populations **or** PSYC 365 Issues of Diverse Populations	3 3	
Req	PSYC 340 Abnormal Behavior **or** PSYC 481[H] Honors Abnormal Behavior	3 3	
Req	HEED 310 Heartsaver First Aid, Adult and Pediatric CPR and AED	1	

[H] honors courses

CAREER PATH

Career Options:

Upon completion of this program, students possess the coursework required for initial certification as a California drug and alcohol counselor (CDAC).

Scheduling Notes:

- The program is designed for students to take 2 units of SWCD 498 in one semester and 2 units in another semester, so all 12 counselor core functions are covered by the end of the second semester of SWCD 498.

Advising Notes:

- SWCD 362 has SWCD 365 and 498 as corequisites.
- SWCD 360 has SWCD 310 as a corequisite.
- SWCD 310 has SWCD 300 as a corequisite.

Other Notes:

- This map is designed for students who are able to take 12 units or more each semester, which is considered a full-time load. It shows one possible way to finish the program as quickly as possible. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.
- To enroll in SWCD 362, students must complete the ARC Human Services internship selection process, which includes an out-

Second Year

Semester 3

11 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	SWCD 342 Alcoholism: Intervention, Treatment & Recovery **or** PSYC 402 Alcoholism: Intervention, Treatment & Recovery	3 3	SWCD 341 or PSYC 401
Req	SWCD 362[1] Practices in Social Work and Chemical Dependency	3	
Req	SWCD 365 Techniques of Group Counseling	3	SWCD 360
Req	SWCD 498[1] Work Experience in Social Work and Chemical Dependency	2	

[1] Students must take SWCD 498 concurrently with SWCD 362 unless they are in the second semester of the Chemical Dependency internship.

Semester 4

2 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	SWCD 498 Work Experience in Social Work and Chemical Dependency	2	

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list

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of-class orientation and application process.

- The second semester internship (SWCD 498) involves approximately 24 hours of work experience plus three 50-minute sessions on campus.