



ASSOCIATE IN HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE

(FS ONLY)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (18 CREDITS)

PSYC& 200	Lifespan Psychology	5
PSYC& 220	Abnormal Psychology	5
SSMH 100	Intro to Human Services	5
SSMH 210	Self Care for Care Givers	3

RELATED INSTRUCTION (23-25 CREDITS)

Communications (10 credits)

ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5
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Select one:

CMST& 101	Intro to Communication	5
CMST& 220	Public Speaking	

Computational Skills (3-5 credits)

Select one:

Any course meeting AA QS requirement (5)		
BUS 103	Computational Mathematics (3)	
BUS 107	Business Mathematics (5)	3-5

Human Relations (10 credits)

PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5
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Select one:

+ ANTH& 106	American Mosaic	5
+ ANTH& 206	Cultural Anthropology	

CORE IN HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE (52 CREDITS)

HSSA& 101	Intro to Addictive Drugs	3
HSSA 120	Physiological Actions of Alcohol/ Drugs	3
HSSA 121	Psychotropic Medications	3
HSSA 140	Chemical Dependency & the Family I	5
HSSA 160	Chem. Dependency Counsel/Assess – Adolescents	3
HSSA 170	Counseling & Treatment I – Individual	5
HSSA 205	HIV/AIDS, Air & Blood Borne Pathogens	1
HSSA 210	Case Management/Recordkeeping	5
HSSA 215	Law & Ethics in Chemical Dependency	5
HSSA 255	Intro to Co-occurring Disorders	3
HSSA 270	Counseling & Treatment II – Group	5
HSSA 275	Relapse Prevention	3
HSSA 280	Supervised Field Experience In Chem Dep	4
HSSA 281	Supervised Field Experience In Chem Dep	4

Total Credits Required

93-95

Note: Students must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all HSSA courses to earn HSSA associate degree or certificate.

Notes:

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The Associate in Human Services Substance Abuse program prepares students to work with the problems of alcoholism and chemical dependency by providing the academic portion necessary for state certification as chemical dependency professionals. Washington state's current minimum requirements are a two-year degree with 45 credits of addiction course work. The HSSA program offers two degree options to meet this, as well as a certificate for those with existing degrees. Combining the AA degree with a certificate in Human Services Substance Abuse and a bachelor's degree in psychology, social work, criminal justice or other human service area enhances the student's ability to work in both the chemical dependency field and the bachelor's degree emphasis field, increasing employability and providing more career options.

The Associate in Human Services Substance Abuse is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions.

**Chemical Dependency Intern
Alcohol/Drug Educator
Chemical Dependency
Counselor
Chemical Dependency
Youth Specialist
Detox Counselor
Drug Court Counselor
Intervention Specialist
Prevention/Early
Intervention Specialist
Alcohol/Drug Information School Instructor**

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Related Codes

Intent: **F or J**
ALCDA: **437**

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Program Outcomes

- Graduates will be able to counsel one to one and in groups with adults and adolescents concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to teach a unit and/or a community education presentation concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to connect with and refer to other service agencies concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to abide by laws and ethical standards of the profession concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to assess and manage a client case via charting, reporting, and use of various assessment tools concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to utilize a variety of area-specific counseling skills; e.g., family, couples, skills training, adolescent, etc. concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to counsel and educate patients and families to improve family relationships for greater success in recovery concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to communicate and write effectively concerning addiction studies
- Graduates will be able to practice professional workforce behaviors; e.g., be on time, meet deadlines, have appropriate boundaries, etc. concerning addiction studies

Special funding may be available for unemployed workers and low-wage working parents. See your advisor or call (253) 964.6265.

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