

CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Pierce College offers the Certificate in Human Services Substance Abuse at the Ft. Steilacoom campus. The Human Services Substance Abuse program is designed to meet the needs of those already working in the field, those preparing to enter and those enrolled or working in programs in counseling, social service, criminal justice, mental health, education and other fields.

Alcoholism and other types of drug abuse affect tens of thousands of American families each year and present some of the most complex problems known to human service providers. Persons who seek a better understanding of the effects of chemical dependency on the human body and within the family, modern treatment programs and the nature of abuse will benefit from the program.

The Associate in Human Services Substance Abuse, the Certificate in HSSA and the Associate of Arts and Sciences with a Certificate in HSSA option prepares 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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Special funding may be available for unemployed workers and low-wage working parents. See your advisor or call (253) 964.6265

Program Outcomes

- Counsel one to one and in groups with adults and adolescents.
- Teach a unit and/or a community education presentation.
- Connect with and refer to other service agencies.
- Abide by laws and ethical standards of the profession.
- Assess and manage a client case via charting, reporting, and use of various assessment tools.
- Utilize a variety of area-specific counseling skills; e.g., family, couples, skills training, adolescent, etc.
- Counsel and educate patients and families to improve family relationships for greater success in recovery.
- Communicate and write effectively.
- Practice professional workforce behaviors: e.g. be on time, meet deadlines, have appropriate boundaries, etc.

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Related Codes

Intent: **F or J**
Cert: **437C**

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