

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, CERTIFICATE (1798) - PENDING CPE APPROVAL FOR FALL 2025

Program Coordinator

The Substance Use Disorder Certificate (SUDC) is designed to prepare individuals with the skills necessary to become a substance use counseling professional. The curriculum in the program focuses on assessment, treatment, counseling skills, field practice, and referral. Students will be exposed to ethical protocols and multicultural treatment with diverse populations. Courses in this certificate meet partial requirement for state certification as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) and as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Associate (CADCA I and CADCA II). According to the Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors, the CADC designation is a substance use credential for professionals with a bachelor's degree (in any field) who assess, develop, and provide substance abuse treatment services and plans. The CADCA I and II require a High School Diploma. Successful completion of this program fulfills 270 hours of educational requirements for these certificate levels. This certificate program is beneficial to students in sociology, social work, psychology, criminology, pre-med, nursing, and any closely related human service field. In addition, this is a stand-alone certificate serving professionals that are seeking continued education.

*It is the student's responsibility to ensure a specific credentialing organization approves of courses to count as continued education.

*Students are responsible for understanding all eligibility requirements for the certification they are seeking. More information on CADC and CADCA certifications in Kentucky is available at the KENTUCKY BOARD OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS.

Program Requirements (18 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
SWRK 433	Ethical Issues and Dilemmas in Social Work	3
SWRK 310	Introduction to Substance Use Assessment and Treatment	3
SWRK 313	Co-occurring Disorders	3
SWRK 320	Introduction of Substance Use Counseling Skills	3
SWRK 324	Opioid Epidemic	3
SWRK 420	Substance Use Disorder Capstone	3
Total Hours		18