RCTC PROGRAM PLAN

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING
Associate In Science

I. MINNESOTA TRANSFER CURRICULUM (MNTC)/GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.......................................................35 CREDITS

GOAL 1: WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION ..........................................................11 CR
COMM 1114, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, 3 cr
ENGL 1117, Reading and Writing Critically I, 4 cr
ENGL 1118, Reading and Writing Critically II, 4 cr

GOAL 2: CRITICAL THINKING MAY BE MET BY ANY COURSE IN MNTC 1-10 GOALS

GOAL 3: NATURAL SCIENCES .........................................................................................4 CR
BIOL 1110, Human Biology, 4 cr

GOAL 4: MATHEMATICS/SYMBOLIC SYSTEMS ..........................................................4 CR
MATH 1090, Statway Statistics II, 4 cr
OR
MATH 2208, Fundamentals of Statistics, 4 cr

GOAL 5: HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORIAL SCIENCES ....................10 CR
PSYC 2618, General Psychology, 4 cr
PSYC 2626, Human Growth and Development, 3 cr
SOC 1614, Introduction to Sociology, 3 cr

GOAL 6: HUMANITIES - THE ARTS, LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY .....................6 CR
HUM/SPAN 1001, Introduction to Hispanic Cultures, 3 cr
*One additional 3-credit course from Art, English Literature, Dance, Humanities, Music or Philosophy

II. PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS..............................................................................25 CREDITS
HS 1710, Foundations of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, 3 cr
HS 1720, Co-Occurring Disorders, 3 cr
HS 1730, Screening and Assessment of Disorders, 2 cr
HS 1740, Pharmacology of Addiction, 2 cr
HS 1750, Case Management and Ethics, 3 cr
HS 1760, Multicultural Aspects of Addiction, 3 cr
HS 1765, Addictions Counseling Theory and Practice, 3 cr
HS 1770, Alcohol and Drug Counseling Practicum I*, 3 cr
HS 1780, Alcohol and Drug Counseling Practicum II*, 3 cr

TOTAL..................................................................................................................................60 CREDITS
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**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

*Must complete the Criminal Background study required by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and qualify for direct client contact prior to enrollment in HS 1770 and HS 1780.

**Notice of Minnesota Background Check Requirement**

Minnesota Statute 245C requires that students who have contact with individuals in licensed institutions complete an annual background study with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Individuals who do not pass the background check will not be allowed to participate in clinical activities. A list of disqualifying offences is available at: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes?id=245C.15. Information about completing the background study will be available from program faculty.

**PURPOSE:** The Alcohol and Drug Counseling Associate Degree prepares graduates for licensure with the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health as a Temporary Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC-T). The associate degree is designed for students who want to learn more about chemical dependency issues, work as a ADC-T, and whom desire to complete a bachelor’s degree at a university within the next five years. While in this program, students gain valuable classroom knowledge in 12 core areas of addiction counseling theory, practice, and skill development. Through the required practicum placements in a licensed chemical dependency facility students gain valuable and necessary practical experience under the supervision of a Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor or other qualified professional. The associate degree does not license a student as a temporary alcohol and drug counselor. It does however, provide the minimum college coursework and practicum opportunities needed to apply for ADC-T licensure in the State of Minnesota. Upon successful completion of the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Associate Degree at RCTC, students are eligible to sit for the IC&RC national exam and apply for ADC-T licensure with the Minnesota Board of Behavioral & Health.

**ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA:**

Currently all but two of the Human Service (HS) Alcohol and Drug Counseling (ADC) Associate Degree core classes are open to any enrolled RCTC students. The two HS ADC core classes that are not open to all RCTC students are the clinical practicums (HS 1770: Alcohol and Drug Counseling Practicum I & HS 1780: Alcohol and Drug Counseling Practicum II). Students interested in accessing the clinical practicums must complete a PRACTICUM application form and meet all of the requirements outlined in the form. The application for the clinical practicums can be found on the HS ADC website or you can click on the link: http://www.rctc.edu/program/alcohol-drug-counseling/admission.html

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