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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING
Certificate

I. 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........................................................................................................................................25 CREDITS

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 Certificate prepares graduates for licensure with the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health as Licensed Alcohol and Drug counselors (LADC). The certificate is designed for students who want to learn more about chemical dependency issues and/or whom desire a career as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. 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 certificate does not license a student as an alcohol and drug counselor. It does provide the minimum college coursework and practicum opportunities needed to apply for LADC licensure with the Minnesota Board of Behavioral & Health.
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ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING CERTIFICATE ADMISSION CRITERIA: Currently all but two of the Human Service (HS) Alcohol and Drug Counseling (ADC) Certificate classes are open to any enrolled RCTC students. The two HS ADC 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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