

Course discipline/number/title: HS 1780: Alcohol and Drug Counseling Practicum II

- A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 3
  2. Hours/Week: 440 hours arranged over the course of the semester offsite. 1-hr. weekly seminar.
  3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): HS 1770
  4. Other requirements: Admission to the RCTC Alcohol and Drug Counseling Program or Certificate
  5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA
- B. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students in practicum II will engage in an off-campus field-based experience where they will demonstrate their mastery of academic coursework and the 12-core functions of an alcohol and drug counselor. During this practicum experience students will complete a minimum of 440 hours of clinical practice under the supervision of a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, or other qualified professional. At regularly scheduled seminar meetings students will discuss ethical and professional considerations, boundary setting, interpersonal conflicts, and their engagement in the therapeutic process. Admission to the RCTC Alcohol and Drug Counseling Program or Certificate.
- C. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): February, 2025
- D. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Twelve core functions
  2. Client screening, intake, orientation, and assessment
  3. Treatment planning, counseling skills, and case management
  4. Crisis intervention and client education
  5. Referral, record keeping (documentation), and consultation
  6. Trans-disciplinary foundations of alcohol and drug counseling
  7. Pharmacological aspects of addiction
  8. Co-occurring disorders
  9. Ethical issues in clinical practice
  10. Decision making and self-care
  11. Multiculturalism and diversity
  12. Client rights, counselor responsibilities and needs
  13. Confidentiality, boundaries, competency, and training
  14. Supervision and consultation
  15. Legal issues in clinical practice
- E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Exhibit satisfactory trans-disciplinary skill and knowledge as it relates to the 12-core functions of an alcohol and drug counselor.
  2. Demonstrate acceptable ethical practice.
  3. Display satisfactory legal practice by complying with state and federal licensing statutes, rules, and regulations.
  4. Exhibit professional behavior and attitudes by following college and internship site policies and practices.
  5. Locate state licensing and testing resources.
  6. Complete a minimum of 440 hours of supervised practice.
- F. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA
- G. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING: Methods may include but are not limited to:
1. Case Report
  2. Supervisory evaluations
  3. Reflection task
  4. Time sheets.
  5. Skills or competency log

- H. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S). This course contributes to meeting the following RCTC Core Outcome(s):  
Personal and Professional Accountability. Students will take responsibility as active learners for achieving their educational and personal goals.
- I. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any):  
Students must be admitted to RCTC's ADC program or certificate, and they must pass a MN background check/study prior to starting their practicum. Students may not start their practicum until permission has been given to them by their instructor. Students are encouraged to purchase personal liability insurance. Students in practicum II will complete a minimum of 440 hours of supervised addiction counseling practices under a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor or other qualified professional. Students are responsible for finding their own practicum. This class is pass/fail.