

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ALCOHOL & DRUG STUDIES

- ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Studies (ADS) is an innovative 15 credit hour program that prepares addiction professionals to meet the increasingly complex needs of alcohol/drug patients, as well as the increasing educational and professional expectations of employers. The program focuses on science-based addiction education enabling professionals to provide the highest quality addiction counseling to individuals dealing with substance abuse or substance dependence. The completion of this certificate program prepares addiction professionals to meet fifteen (15) of the twenty-seven (27) specialized academic credit hours required for state alcohol/drug certification at Level III. Participants should contact their state chemical dependency certifying body to assure courses meet certification. Requirements may differ from state to state.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

The Alcohol and Drug Studies department at the University of South Dakota is accredited through the International Coalition of Addiction Studies Education (INCASE) and gives the students the tools needed to meet the growing demand for professionals skilled in drug and alcohol prevention, education, counseling and treatment.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course requirements include:

ADS 520..... Comprehensive Alcohol/Drug Education
ADS 522..... Alcohol and Drug Treatment Continuum
ADS 524..... Psychopharmacy of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
ADS 552..... Alcohol and Drug Counseling Theories
ADS 592..... Special Topics in Alcohol/Drug Studies:
Professional Ethics

The required coursework for the online Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Studies can be applied toward the Master of Science in Administrative Studies degree with a specialization in Alcohol and Drug Studies.

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The South Dakota Certification Board for Alcohol and Drug Professionals (CBADP) can provide information on certification standards for the Academic Track.

Please call CBADP at 605.332.2645 or visit their website at <http://dhs.sd.gov/brd/CBADP>.

TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to a Graduate Certificate program requires **all of the following**:

- 1) Successful completion of a bachelor's degree as verified by official transcripts
- 2) Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.7 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- 3) Statement of Purpose
- 4) A criminal background check is required prior to admission

GETTING STARTED

- 1) Visit <https://www.usd.edu/cde/certification-application> & select "Graduate Certificate Application." Download and complete the application and statement of purpose form.
- 2) Upload the completed application and select your method of payment.

Please note: It is also your responsibility to ensure that official transcripts be sent to The University of South Dakota, 414 E. Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069.

After your application has been processed, you will be contacted by an advisor who will guide you through the program by answering any questions you may have, and setting up a plan of study that fits your needs.

3. Register for courses using the online form found at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit www.usd.edu/cde or contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

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Vermillion area & Worldwide**
Division of Continuing Education
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605-677-6240
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University Center - Rapid City
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE ROTATIONS

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ADS 520	Comprehensive Alcohol/Drug Education (3 cr)	Online	Every Fall
ADS 522	Alcohol and Drug Treatment Continuum (3 cr)	Online	Every Fall; Every Spring
ADS 524	Psychopharmacology of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer
ADS 552	Alcohol and Drug Counseling Theories (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 592	Special Topics in Alcohol/Drug Studies: Professional Ethics (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester

Graduate Certificate in Alcohol & Drug Studies Program Total: 15 credit hours

***If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172 E-mail: disabilityservices@usd.edu**

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