

MASTER OF ARTS IN ADDICTION STUDIES - ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Addiction Studies prepares substance abuse professionals for advanced levels of competency to address current and future addiction/prevention challenges in society. Practicing professionals need graduate-level knowledge to address the complexities of today's client. Graduates of the degree will be eligible for the highest level of addiction/prevention credentialing through the South Dakota Certification Board for Alcohol and Drug Professionals. Participants should contact their state chemical dependency certifying body to assure courses meet certification. Requirements may differ from state to state.

The M.A. can be completed in as little as 32 credit hours, or as many as 45, depending upon your Certification and academic background. For both tracks, an earned bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 is required for admittance.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

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

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://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/licensingboards/board_ada.asp. If you are not a South Dakota resident, please contact your State Certifying Body to assure courses meet certification / licensure requirements.

TUITION RATES

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Sioux Falls, Sioux City, Vermillion area & Worldwide

Division of Continuing & Distance Education
1-800-233-7937
605-677-6240
cde@usd.edu

Rapid City & Pierre area
University Center - Rapid City
Contact: Benjamin Krush
605-718-4112
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GETTING STARTED

Prospective graduate students may apply through the Graduate School at www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm.

The Graduate School forwards completed applications to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision on admission. Students may be accepted to the University of South Dakota Graduate School will full admission or provisional admission.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to this program requires **all of the following**:

- 1) Completed Graduate Application found at: <http://www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm>
- 2) \$35 application fee.
- 3) Successful completion of a bachelor's degree as verified by official transcripts.
- 4) Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.7 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- 5) One year professional and/or supervised clinical/volunteer experience preferred. Each applicant will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- 6) Statement of Purpose (250-word minimum).
- 7) Resume.
- 8) Official Transcripts from all institutions of higher learning attended.
- 9) Applicants must complete the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) with a score of 900; 700 for provisional admission or the Miller's Analogies Test (MAT) with a score of 45; 35 for provisional admission
- 10) Three (3) professional letters of recommendation.
- 11) Applicants must provide a copy of a photo ID.
- 12) Applicants must complete a face-to-face interview. If applicant is not from the region, the interview can be completed via Skype or Elluminate.
- 13) Applicants must complete a background check prior to admission
Please visit:
<http://scholar.verifiedcredentials.com/?organziation=usd>

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Priority for Summer / Fall Semesters: **April 1**

Priority for Spring Semester: **November 1**

NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department. **Please note:** Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

M.A. IN ADDICTION STUDIES - ADVANCED TRACK (32 CREDIT HOURS)

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ADS 715	Wellness, Recovery, & Maintenance (3 cr)	Online	Fall Odd Years
ADS 720	Addiction Counseling (3 cr)	Online	Fall Odd Years
ADS 753	Addiction Profession Supervision (3 cr)	Online	Spring Even Years
ADS 754	Public Policy & Addiction (3 cr)	Online	Fall Even Years
ADS 755	Case Management & Assessment of Co-Occurring Disorders (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer
ADS 756	History & Culture of Addiction (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 757	Relapse Prevention (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 730	Research Methods in Addiction (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer
EDER 762	Foundations of Educational Statistics (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 794	Internship (3 cr)		Every Semester
ADS 792	Special Topics (1 - 3 cr)	Online	Summer Odd Years

MASTER OF ARTS IN ADDICTION STUDIES - ADVANCED TRACK PROGRAM TOTAL: 32 CREDIT HOURS

M.A. IN ADDICTION STUDIES - STANDARD TRACK

REQUIRED COURSES (Select 24 credit hours from the following:)

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 Drugs (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer
ADS 552	Alcohol and Drug Counseling Theories (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 592	Advanced Legal/Ethical Issues & Addiction (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 730	Research Methods in Addiction (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer
EDER 762	Foundations of Educational Statistics (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 794	Internship (3 cr)		Every Semester

M.A. IN ADDICTION STUDIES - STANDARD TRACK

ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 21 credit hours from the following:)

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ADS 510	Working with Families and Substance Abuse (3 cr.)	Online	Every Summer, Every Spring
ADS 512	Alcohol and Drug Use in Diverse Populations (3 cr.)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 521	Foundations of Alcohol and Drug Prevention (3 cr)	Online	Summer Even Years
ADS 526	Theories and Practice of Drug and Alcohol Prevention in Communities (3 cr)	Online	Summer Odd Years
ADS 715	Wellness, Recovery, & Maintenance (3 cr)	Online	Fall Odd Years
ADS 720	Addiction Counseling (3 cr)	Online	Fall Odd Years
ADS 753	Addiction Profession Supervision (3 cr)	Online	Spring Even Years
ADS 754	Public Policy & Addiction (3 cr)	Online	Fall Even Years
ADS 755	Case Management and Assessment of Co-Occurring Disorders (3 cr)	Online	Every Summer
ADS 756	History and Culture of Addiction (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 757	Relapse Prevention (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
ADS 794	Internship (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 792	Special Topics (1-3 cr)	Online	Summer Odd Years

MASTER OF ARTS IN ADDICTION STUDIES - STANDARD TRACK PROGRAM TOTAL: 45 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