

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG STUDIES - ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The online undergraduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Studies (ADS) is an innovative, 27-credit hour program that prepares addiction professionals to meet the specialized academic course requirements for state alcohol/drug certification at Level II and Level III. 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 required coursework for the online Undergraduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Studies can be applied toward a bachelor's degree in Alcohol and Drug Studies.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

The Alcohol and Drug Studies (ADS) department at the University of South Dakota 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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to an Undergraduate Certificate program requires 1) a Statement of Purpose and 2) a criminal background check before the second class and 3) official high school transcript or GED, 4) ACT or SAT scores (not required if applicant is over the age of 24) and 4) **one of the following:**

- Ranked in top 60 percent of high school graduating class
- ACT Composite score of 18 or higher or SAT score of 870 or higher or the SAT Reasoning Test Math and Critical Reading subscores total 870 or higher
- Earned a cumulative GPA of 2.6 (on a 4.0 scale) in high school
- Completed the GED with a combined score of at least 2250 and a minimum score of 400 on each test

Transfer applicants from regionally accredited colleges or universities:

- Will be admitted if they have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 grading scale) for previous college or university course work (official transcripts required)
- Some programs may require a transfer GPA higher than the minimum
- The dean of the school or college to which you are applying will evaluate applicants with a GPA under 2.0

In addition to the documentation outlined above, transfer applicants must submit official high school transcripts, official transcripts from each college or university previously attended, and ACT or SAT scores (not required if applicant is over the age of 24).

TUITION RATES

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

GETTING STARTED

1. To apply for admission to the Undergraduate ADS Certificate Program, visit <https://www.usd.edu/cde/certification-application> and click on "Undergraduate 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 1) official high school transcripts or verification of GED and 2) ACT or SAT scores (if applicable) 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 setting up a plan of study that fits your needs and answer any questions you may have.
3. Register for courses using the online form found at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration>.
 4. A criminal background check is required prior to admission.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.usd.edu/cde or contact a higher education service site appropriate for you:

**Sioux Falls, Sioux City,
Vermillion area & Worldwide**
Division of Continuing Education
1-800-233-7937
cde@usd.edu

Rapid City & Pierre area
Higher Education Center
Contact: Benjamin Krush
605-718-4112
UC-RC@usd.edu

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Participants should contact their state chemical dependency certifying body to assure courses meet certification as requirements may differ from state to state. In South Dakota, the SD 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/licensing-boards/board_ada.asp.



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ADS 116	Study of Alcohol Use & Abuse (3 cr)	Online Correspondence	Every Semester Every Semester
ADS 117	Study of Drug Use & Abuse (3 cr)	Online Correspondence	Every Semester Every Semester
ADS 220	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Helping Skills (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 222	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Group Interaction (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 315	Ethical & Legal Issues in the Alcohol/Drug Profession (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ADS 410	Working with Families on Alcohol/Drug Issues (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring, Every Summer
ADS 412	Alcohol & Drug Use in Diverse Populations (3 cr)	Online Correspondence	Every Spring Every Semester
ADS 422	Alcohol & Drug Treatment Continuum (3 cr)	Online	Every Fall; Every Spring
ADS 320*	Adolescents & Substance Abuse Treatment (3 cr)	Online Correspondence	Every Summer Every Semester
<i>Or</i>			
ADS 415*	Native Americans & Substance Abuse (3 cr)	Online Correspondence	Every Fall Every Semester

*For state Alcohol/Drug certification, choose one of these two courses.

ADS 116 and 117 are prerequisite courses for ADS 220 and ADS 222. After completion of these four courses, students may begin taking the upper-level ADS courses.

Undergraduate Certificate in Alcohol & Drug Studies Program Total: 27 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

This document is available in alternative forms upon request. For assistance, call Disability Services at USD at: 605-677-6839 or email disabilityservices@usd.edu. The University of South Dakota is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty, staff and students.



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