

# Addiction Counseling Certificate

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The Addiction Counseling Certificate (ACC) provides specialized education and training in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) disorders. Specifically, the coursework provides education in the theories, techniques, and core functions of substance abuse counseling, focusing on evidence-based research and best practice standards. Specialized clinical experience complements coursework. This certificate program fulfills the educational requirements for Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADC).

**Applicants who are not current Counselor Education students must have a degree in counseling or a closely related mental health degree from an accredited university program that meets the academic and clinical requirements for licensure as a master's-level mental health professional. Applicants can apply through NEIU's online application system. The online application (<https://apply.neiu.edu/apply/>) requires the following:**

- Application form
- Application fee
- Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended
- Current resume
- Two recommenders (applicants will be prompted to enter contact information for two professional recommenders)
- Signed Informed Consent
- Essay: In 500-700 words, please respond to the following prompts:  
How do you see yourself aligning with NEIU's Counseling Department?  
Please talk about your personal and/or professional experiences that make you a strong candidate for this program.

An application is reviewed only if all application materials are received by Graduate Admissions by the deadline date for the semester applied for.

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**For applicants who are current Northeastern Illinois University students in Clinical Mental Health, Couple and Family, Rehabilitation or School Counseling:**

- Minimum GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Addiction Counseling Certificate Application for Current Students ([https://www.neiu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/2022/05/12/Application.Current.Students.rev1\\_10.22.pdf](https://www.neiu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/2022/05/12/Application.Current.Students.rev1_10.22.pdf)). Once all signatures are collected, submit to Graduate Records at [graduate-records@neiu.edu](mailto:graduate-records@neiu.edu).
- Graduate Program Add Request Form (<https://www.neiu.edu/sites/neiu.edu/files/documents/2020/10/22/Program%20Add%20Request.pdf>). Once all signatures are collected, submit to Graduate Records at [graduate-records@neiu.edu](mailto:graduate-records@neiu.edu).
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Contact Counselor Education at (773) 442-5550 or [counsedu@neiu.edu](mailto:counsedu@neiu.edu) if you have further questions or if the links are not working.

**The proposed Addiction Counseling Certificate (ACC) requires completion of 21 graduate credits.**

## Required Core Courses

Code	Title	Hours
COUN-425	Diagnosis And Treatment Of Addictive Disorders	3
COUN-426	Advanced Treatment Of Addictive Disorders	3
COUN-428	Advanced Issues In Co-occurring Disorders And Counseling Interventions	3
COUN-429	Psychopharmacology	3
COUN-438	Trauma And Crisis Counseling	3

## Required Clinical Courses

Completion of 500 supervised clinical experience at an approved addiction counseling site. Students may choose from **one** of the four counselor education programs' Practicum and Internship courses:

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
COUN-444	Practicum: Group Supervision In Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
COUN-464	Internship I: Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3

**family counseling:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
COUN-445	Practicum I:Group Supervision In Couple And Family Counseling	3
COUN-465	Internship I:Group Supervision In Couple And Family Counseling	3

**rehabilitation counseling:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
COUN-446	Practicum In Rehabilitation Counseling	3
COUN-463	Internship I:Rehabilitation Counseling	3

**School counseling:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
COUN-442	Practicum I:Group Supervision In School Counseling	3
COUN-462	Internship I:School Counseling	3