

# purpose of the program

There is an increasing demand from industry, education, social services, criminal justice, treatment centers, and research institutes for staff trained in drug and addiction studies. To meet this need for qualified personnel, the University of South Carolina offers the Graduate Certificate in Drug and Addiction Studies.

This program provides post-baccalaureate students with opportunities to develop broad competencies in preparation for employment in a range of fields addressing alcohol and drug-related problems.

This pamphlet provides a brief description of the program, the curriculum, application process and contact information.



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Drug and Addiction Studies  
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# drug and addiction

The Certificate of  
Graduate Study in  
Drug and Addiction

**An Interdisciplinary Program**

**The Graduate School**

**University of South Carolina**

**Columbia, S.C.**

# program goals and benefits

The Graduate Certificate in Drug and Addiction Studies provides post-baccalaureate students with opportunities to develop broad competencies in preparation for employment in a range of fields addressing alcohol and drug-related problems. Students may pursue the Certificate independently or in conjunction with another graduate course of study.

The program is interdisciplinary, involving faculty and courses from several academic departments, including criminology and criminal justice, public health, medicine, social work, and psychology.

The goals of the program are to impart basic knowledge in prevention, education, treatment, and research and to offer the opportunity to develop competence in this subspecialty.



# curriculum requirements

## A. The Core Curriculum (18 credit hours)

**All students are required to take:**

**1. SOWK 758**  
Dynamics of Substance Abuse—3 credit hours

**Students are required to take two of the following:**

**2. SOWK 752**  
Social Work Intervention in Substance Abuse—3 credit hours

**3. HPEB 540**  
Drug Education—3 credit hours

**4. NPSY 760**  
Addictions Rehabilitation—3 credit hours

**5. NPSY 761**  
Dual Disorders—3 credit hours

**6. HPEB 742**  
Alcohol, Drugs, & Public Health Policy—3 credit hours

**7. HPEB 542**  
Tobacco Prevention & Control in Public Health—3 credit hours

**8. PSYC 503**  
Psychology of Drug Use & Effects—3 credit hours

## B. Electives and Practicum

**(Two electives (6 credits) and a practicum are required and must be approved)**

Electives are chosen to help students strengthen their program in specialized areas of study. The practicum is a 45-60 hour independent study at an agency of the student's choosing. This practicum is overseen by the Program Director.

## C. Additional Information

After admission to the program is complete, students will receive a notice from the Graduate School and the College of Social Work directing them to contact the Program Director to complete a Program of Study. The Program Director will meet with the student to discuss scheduling and options for courses. Half of all coursework must be at the 700 level or above.

# admission requirements

Admission to the program is on a selective basis and is determined by the academic preparation and personal qualifications of the applicant. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, and a grade point average of 3.00 on all advanced undergraduate courses. An applicant who has not attained the required GPA and does not possess a graduate degree or significant work experience may be required to submit a score of at least 800 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) may be substituted for the GRE.

**In order to be admitted to the program, the applicant must submit the following to The Graduate School:**

- graduate application form
- two letters of reference from professors or employers
- an official transcript from each college or university previously attended.

Students currently enrolled in a SC graduate program may request concurrent enrollment without an additional formal application. Students may transfer up to 9 credits for graduate work in another program.

The initial step in seeking admission to the program is to contact:

Director, Certificate in Drug and Addiction Studies  
College of Social Work  
DeSaussure College  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208  
Phone: 803-777-5291  
Fax: 803-777-3498  
E-mail: [coswdrug@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:coswdrug@mailbox.sc.edu)

Applicants will be contacted by the Program Director.

**For more information please see [cosw.sc.edu](http://cosw.sc.edu)**

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