

The Addiction Studies Program at John Jay College (CUNY)

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The Addiction Studies Program (ASP) in the Department of Psychology provides education for students interested in the substance abuse counseling and counseling fields. Our program offers the education requirements for the Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) Certificate and the Addiction Studies Minor for Bachelor of Arts students.

Students are eligible for the Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Trainee (CASAC-T) once they complete our program. Bachelor of Arts (BA), Master of Arts (MA), and non-degree students are eligible for our program.

Our certificate program is licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and allows students to complete the first step in gaining the CASAC credential. With our certificate program, students fulfill the education requirements necessary for the CASAC and also have the opportunity to be eligible for entry-level substance abuse counseling positions once they complete the program.

The CASAC-T indicates that students are working towards the CASAC. Students who earn the CASAC-T can be counted as mental health professionals at OASAS certified substance abuse programs, thus making it desirable for students interested in careers in substance abuse counseling, counseling, psychology, and social work. This profession typically has many employment opportunities.

Contact Information

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Program Assistants assist the director and ensure day-to-day activities of the program are conducted. Hours for the program assistants vary. Please email for more information or to schedule an appointment with a program assistant.

Additional Information

Program Website:
<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/addiction-studies-certificate-program>

Addiction Studies Minor:
<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/addiction-studies-minor>

Tuition and Financial Aid Information:
<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/tuition-and-fees>

Admissions Information: Students need to be registered John Jay students in order to sign up for required courses. Registered BA and MA students sign up for courses as they would any other course.

However, non-degree students have their own application. Please follow the application information provided:
<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/non-degree-seeking-students>

Addiction Studies Program Requirements

Addiction Studies Minor

BA students in the Addiction Studies program are encouraged to minor in Addiction Studies. To declare the ASP minor, students should go to Jay Express Services and complete the declaration of minor form. Jay Express is located in L.79.00 New Building. Additionally, students can pick up minor forms from the psychology department.

CASAC-T Certificate

Students interested in gaining the CASAC-T certificate must be a registered student of John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Registered BA and MA students sign up for courses as they normally would. Non-degree students must have at least a high school diploma and the relevant documents required by the John Jay College Office of Admissions.

Addiction Studies Program Courses

Students are required to complete all 8 of the classes listed below for the CASAC-T Certificate. The Addiction Studies minor requires students complete any 6 of the 8 classes below. This program can be completed in a year, however, students generally finish in 1 ½ to 2 years. If you are having trouble signing up for a course, please email Dr. Yalisove.

Addiction Studies Courses

Students are required to complete all 8 of the classes listed below for the CASAC-T Certificate:

ANT 110/SOC 110: Drug Use and Abuse

PSY 161: Chemical Dependency and the Dysfunctional Family

PSY 255: Group Dynamics in Chemical Dependency Counseling

PSY 266: Understanding Addiction through Research

PSY 268: Therapeutic Interventions in Chemical Dependency

PSY 331/CSL 331: Assessment and Clinical Evaluation in Chemical Dependency Counseling

PSY 350/CSL 350: Advanced Topics in Chemical Dependency Counseling

PSY 480: Ethical and Professional Issues in Chemical Dependency Counseling

*Optional Courses: PSY 378/PSY 379: Fieldwork in Forensic Psychology

These optional courses allow students to fulfill a part of the 300 hour training requirement necessary for the full CASAC. Training must be done at an OASAS-certified substance abuse treatment program with the supervision of a certified mental health professional. Since the hours required for these classes are less than 300, students can use them as a way to build up to the 300, while gaining academic credit. While students may seek assistance from John Jay's Career Center and the Addiction Studies Program for locating internships, students are responsible for finding their internship.

Guidelines for obtaining the CASAC Credential

Once students have completed the 8 courses, the Addiction Studies Program will provide students with the CASAC-T Certificate of Completion. Students will then need to send this document along with an application form to OASAS to receive the full CASAC-T credential. The Addiction Studies Program can assist students through this process.

After earning the CASAC-T, students are eligible to work as mental health professionals in OASAS certified substance abuse programs. The next step is to fulfill the 300 hour training requirement at an OASAS-certified treatment program. After, students must obtain paid-supervised work experience as a counselor at an OASAS-certified treatment program. The 300 training hours count toward the work requirement and can be completed before or after completing our program. Supervision must be conducted by a licensed mental health professional.

The supervised work experience concludes after set hours are completed. Students without a BA must work 6000 hours. Students with a BA and major in a human services field must work for 4000 hours. Students with an MA in a human services field must work for 2000 hours. Finally, students must pass the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) examination. After all this is completed, students can obtain the CASAC credential.

Addiction Studies Program Email List

Once admitted as a student of John Jay College, those students interested in the Addiction Studies Program should register with the Psychology Department as a student in the Addiction Studies Program. Please email us at addictionstudiesprogram@jjay.cuny.edu if you would like to be added to the email list. Your email will be placed on an email list which will keep you informed of Addiction Studies Program news, opportunities, events, internships, and workshops.