

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling *(Social and Behavioral Sciences)*

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Grayson College is proud to offer Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling programs in the challenging and rewarding field of Addiction Counseling. DAAC offers a two-year AAS degree program and a three semester Certificate Program. We also offer a two-semester Mental Health/Substance Abuse Prevention certificate. Chemical Dependency Counselors assist individuals in recovery to identify behaviors and problems relating to their addictions and then provide support for behavior change and maintenance of sobriety. Our curriculum combines theory and research with practical experience to prepare students for the kinds of situations they will encounter as counselors.

Our instructors are treatment professionals and leaders in the field of Addiction Counseling. Their experience is rooted in all levels of counseling. They maintain strong professional ties to respected organizations, such as the Texas Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors and National Association of Social Work, and they have a deep commitment to teaching how counseling and recovery can transform lives. Our advisory board members are experts in addiction and recovery and come from a broad spectrum of agencies and institutions.

The Grayson College Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling Associate of Applied Science (AAS) program meets educational requirements for those seeking certification from State of Texas as a **Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC)**.

Effective Jan. 1, 1992, Senate Bill 837 established the requirement that persons providing substance abuse counseling in the state of Texas must be licensed. In order to provide professional services in the field, one must have the status of Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) or Counselor Intern (CI).

The requirements for licensure as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) are:

- Degree in the Human Service, Bachelor or Graduate Degree for Human Service.
- Complete in the 336 hour practicum course, DAAC 2366.
- Request an application packet from the Texas Department of Health and Human Service; complete the application as prescribed in the packet. Two letters of reference from LCDC's must be obtained. Processing of applications will take 8-10 weeks.
- Pass Written Exam.
- 4000 hours of active and actual work experience in a substance abuse treatment facility must be completed before you will receive your license (even if you have passed the written exam).
- LCDC awarded.

Contact: Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor Program
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