

ALCOHOL & DRUG STUDIES

The Alcohol and Drug Studies major is an interdisciplinary program administered by the Department of Health Science. The Alcohol and Drug Studies major provides students with the academic coursework necessary to pursue the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) credential through the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy and the Board-Certified Counselor (BCC) credential through the Minnesota Certification Board.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Alcohol and Drug Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Science
- Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education
- Alcohol and Drug Studies Minor
- Applied Health Science Minor
- Master of Science in Applied Health Science
- Physical Education Teacher Education Graduate Certificate

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Alcohol and Drug Studies major provides students with the academic curriculum necessary to launch their professional careers and make an immediate impact on the lives of those affected by addiction. The undergraduate program in alcohol and drug studies prepares students to enter the addiction field or further their knowledge through advanced degrees.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Client, Family and Community Education
- Assessing Substance Use Disorders
- Counseling (Individual and Group)
- Substance Use Prevention
- Improving Client Outcomes
- Crisis and Case Management

CAREERS

- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Adult Mental Health Case Manager
- Case Manager
- Chemical Dependency Treatment
- Probation Officer

EMPLOYERS

- Allina Health
- Fountain Centers
- House of Hope
- Meridian Behavioral Health
- Minnesota Department of Human Services
- NorthStar Regional

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

99.1%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 145
Respondents: 120
link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$53,710

The median annual wage for Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors, at link.mnsu.edu/alcohol-drug-studies-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



ahn.mnsu.edu/ads

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - ALCOHOL AND DRUG STUDIES, BS

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychological Sciences (4) HLTH 225 Introduction to Alcohol & Drug Studies (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3)	CSP 471 Interpersonal Helping Skills (3) General Education Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) General Elective Course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
HLTH 456 Assessment and Diagnosis of Substance Use Disorders (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (1)	HLTH 406 Ethics & Professionalism for Addictions Professionals (3) CSP 470 Group Procedures (3) CSP 473 Counseling the Chemically Dependent Family (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) Elective Course in Minor (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
HLTH 407 Pharmacology for Addictions Professionals (3) HLTH 408W Theories & Methods for Addictions Professionals (3) HLTH 469 Co-Occuring Disorders (3) General Elective Course (3) Elective Course in Minor (3)	HLTH 497 Internship: Alcohol and Drug Studies (12)

For more information about program requirements, visit:
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