

Accept the Challenge, Experience the Reward!
A Career in Addictions Treatment
and Prevention

These three educational opportunities in addictions, provided at Northwestern State University are the backbone for the mission and vision of the Louisiana Addiction Technology Transfer Center @ Northwestern State University. The LAATTC@NSU is a multidisciplinary resource that draws upon the knowledge, experience, and latest work of recognized experts in the field of addictions, to train and educate a developing workforce.

Launched in 1993 by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) under the guiding entity, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); the National ATTC Network today is comprised of 14 independent Regional Centers and a National Office. Although the size and areas of emphasis of the individual Centers may vary, each is charged, as is the Network collectively, with three key objectives:

- To increase the knowledge and skills of addiction treatment practitioners from multiple disciplines by facilitation access to state-of-the-art research and education;
- To heighten the awareness, knowledge, and skills of all professionals who have the opportunity to intervene in the lives of people with substance use disorders;
- To foster regional and national alliances among practitioners, researchers, policy makers, funders, and consumers to support and implement best treatment practices.

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DEPARTMENT
OF
PSYCHOLOGY

Bachelor of Science in
Addiction Studies
&
Concentrations in
Substance Abuse
Counseling and/or
Prevention



A REWARDING AND DIVERSE CAREER...

A career in Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention offers an excellent chance to make a significant impact on people's lives. Chemical dependency treatment and prevention is a multidisciplinary field that includes direct care counselors, social workers, doctors, psychologists, health educators, rehabilitation counselors and nurses. Professionals in the field bring different levels of education, specialized training and life experience in an effort to effectively reach those affected by substance abuse and addiction.

Since its inception the Addiction Studies Degree and Concentration in Substance Abuse and/or Prevention at Northwestern State University has acted to increase awareness and recognition of the services provided on a daily basis by those professionals employed in addictions treatment and prevention programs throughout the state of Louisiana.

Regardless of the path you take toward achieving your career goals, take the time to learn about the work of a treatment or prevention professional. There is a great satisfaction in making a difference in another person's life. As an addictions professional, you will be presented with that opportunity every day.

A recent graduate wrote, "I stumbled upon the addictions field when I did my internship in college. I decided to stay to help the adolescents I work with. They are challenging, creative and very impressionable. It is so rewarding to see them making positive changes, not just with their addiction, but with their families and school too.. They reach so many levels of success!"

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ADDICTION STUDIES

Course Requirements

First Year

Addiction Studies 1010, 2050
Biology 1010-1011

English 1010, 1020
Mathematics
Orientation 1010
Psychology 1010, 2050
Science 1010

Second Year

Addiction Studies 2430, 2450
Computer 1020
Elective
English or Speech
Fine Arts 1040
Health Education 1010
History
Psychology 2430, 4400
Social Sciences

Third Year

Addiction Studies 3010, 3020
Electives
Biology 1020-1021 or Zoology 1220-1221 or 1230-1231
English Literature
Health Education 1090
Psychology 3010, 4450, 4480

Fourth Year

Addiction Studies 4040, 4450, 4500, 4510
Elective
Psychology 4700 and Psychology Elective
Social Science

122 Total Semester Hours for Degree

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Programs

B.S. in Psychology

- Face to face and online
- Concentration in Substance Abuse Counseling
- Concentration in Prevention Specialist

B.S. in Addiction Studies

M.S. in Clinical Psychology

CONCENTRATION IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Academic Requirements for Substance Abuse Counselor

Take the following electives:

HED 4600 Drug and Alcohol Education
CJ 4500 Drug Use in Modern Society
PSYC 4700 Seminar in Alcoholism
SOWK 4800 Practice in Addictive Disorders
PSYC 4600 Field Experience in the Mental Health Agency (optional)

CONCENTRATION IN PREVENTION

Academic Requirements for Prevention Specialist

Take the following electives:

HED 3000 Community Health Promotion
MGT 2500 Personnel & Supervision
MGT 3220 Organization and Management
PSYC 4700 Seminar in Alcoholism
PSYC 4600 Field Experience in the Mental Health Agency (optional)