

Narrative:
CWE- New Credit Program
Human Services: Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies-
Certificate of Achievement

Item No. 1: Program Goals and Objectives

The mission of the Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies– Certificate of Achievement is to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical framework necessary to effectively address the challenges of addiction in diverse populations. Through a combination of theoretical learning, practical experience, and personal growth, this program aims to produce competent and compassionate addiction professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and communities affected by addiction. Students will be equipped with specialized skills to ethically and appropriately respond to sensitive and diverse individuals by identifying, assessing problem areas, and providing evidence-based interventions to address and effectively treat individuals.

Item No. 2: Catalog Description

The Human Services: Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies – Certificate of Achievement program is designed to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively address addiction issues and provide support to those struggling with substance abuse. This comprehensive program focuses on evidence-based practices and the latest research in addiction treatment. Throughout the program, participants will gain a deep understanding of the various factors contributing to addiction and learn how to develop personalized treatment plans for individuals. They will explore different therapeutic approaches, including cognitive-behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and family systems therapy, among others.

The curriculum covers a wide range of topics related to addiction treatment, such as the neurobiology of addiction, pharmacological interventions, relapse prevention strategies, and ethical considerations in the field. Participants will also learn about the importance of cultural competence and how to provide inclusive and respectful care to individuals from diverse backgrounds. Hands-on training is a vital component of this program. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in practical exercises, case studies, and role-playing scenarios to enhance their skills in assessment, intervention, and counseling techniques. They will also learn how to collaborate with other healthcare professionals and community resources to provide comprehensive care.

Upon completion of the program, participants will be equipped to work in various settings, such as outpatient clinics, residential treatment centers, community organizations, and hospitals. They will possess the necessary skills to conduct assessments, develop treatment plans, facilitate group therapy sessions, and provide ongoing support to individuals on their path to recovery.

Item No. 3: Program Completion Requirements

Program Requirements

Required Core Courses (21 Units)

HUSV102 Case Management Skills	3
HUSV103 Basic Counseling Skills	3
HUSV110 Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Addiction or	3
PSY106 Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Addiction or	3
SOC106 Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Addiction	3
HUSV111 Addiction Treatment and Recovery	3
HUSV135 Ethics for Human Services Professionals	3
HUSV130 Addiction Studies Practicum	4
HUSV131 Addiction Studies Practicum Seminar	2

Total Program Units 21

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Fall Year 1

HUSV 102	Case Management Skills	3
HUSV 103	Basic Counseling Skills	3
	Total Units	6

Spring Year 1

HUSV 110/PSY 106/SOC 106	Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Addiction	3
HUSV 111	Addiction Treatment and Recovery	3
	Total Units	6

Fall Year 2

HUSV 135	Ethics for Human Services Professionals	3
	Total Units	3

Spring Year 2

HUSV 130	Addiction Studies Practicum	4
HUSV 131	Addiction Studies Practicum Seminar	2
	Total Units	6

Program Total		21
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Item No. 4: Master Planning

A certificate program in Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies is highly relevant and appropriate to the objectives and conditions of higher education and community college education in California, aligning with the statewide master planning. This program addresses a pressing societal need, aligns with workforce demands, enhances professional development, complements existing programs, promotes community engagement, and supports statewide initiatives for equity and diversity. The growing need for substance abuse and addiction has become a significant concern in California, affecting individuals, families, and communities. By offering a certificate program in Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies, higher education institutions and community colleges can contribute to addressing this societal problem. California's statewide master planning emphasizes the importance of aligning educational programs with workforce demands. The certificate program in Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies helps fill the growing need for trained professionals in the field of addiction counseling and treatment. Graduates of this program can work in various settings, such as rehabilitation centers, hospitals, community organizations, and government agencies.

Higher education institutions and community colleges aim to provide educational opportunities that enhance professional development and career advancement. The Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies certificate program equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to

understand addiction, develop effective treatment plans, and provide support to individuals struggling with substance abuse. By offering a certificate program in Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies, the communities can become actively engaged in addressing addiction-related issues. Students can gain practical experience through practicums, contributing to the well-being of the community while learning valuable skills. This program helps individuals seeking to enter or advance within the addiction counseling field. The program as designed, complements existing academic programs, such as psychology, human services, or sociology. It allows students to gain specialized knowledge in addiction studies while building upon their existing foundation in related fields. It promotes a comprehensive understanding of addiction and its impact on individuals and society.

California's statewide master planning emphasizes equity, diversity, and inclusion in higher education. The certificate program in Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies aligns with these initiatives by addressing the needs of diverse populations affected by substance abuse. It promotes inclusivity by preparing professionals who can provide culturally sensitive and appropriate care to individuals from different backgrounds.

Item No. 5: Enrollment and Completer Projections

This program consolidates three existing certificate programs in addiction studies: Addiction Studies Foundation, Addiction Studies Basic, and Addiction Studies Advanced. Combined, an average of 22 students annually have earned a Certificate of Accomplishment in addiction studies. This program combines the essential components of these certificates into a Certificate of Achievement. Additionally, it will replace and streamline a 42-unit Human Services: Addiction Studies – Certificate of Achievement. This will better align the program to CAADE accreditation requirements. Reduction of the high units should also increase the number of annual awards generated. (These have averaged 9 annually over last five years).

This program will also benefit students by providing them with a set of courses embedded in the forthcoming Associate in Science in Substance Abuse and Treatment Studies. Therefore, it is anticipated that the program will be very popular. Currently, 832 students are enrolled in human services courses. More than 50% of these enrollments are in those courses that focus on addiction treatment. Therefore, it is conservatively anticipated that the program will attract more than 400 students and the number of awards should increase to at least 30 annually.

Item No. 6: Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs

All courses comprising this program currently exist. The 21-unit program, will replace the current 42-unit, Human Services: Addiction Studies -- Certificate of Achievement.

Item No. 7: Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area

Cuesta Community College in San Luis Obispo offers a similar Addiction Treatment Studies certificate of Achievement. This certificate program also requires 28 units instead of AHC's 21 unit requirement. They are also registered with only one certification organization, the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP). Allan Hancock College's

Associate Degree program is accredited by the California Association for Alcohol/ Drug Educators (CAADE), which requires comprehensive guidelines for the certification needs of California's certification organizations, which include the following: Addiction Counselor Certification Board of California (ACCBC), California Association of Drinking Driver Treatment Programs (CADTP), and CCAPP.