

SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC SERVICE

PATHWAY: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING CERTIFICATE

For more information, visit www.dcccd.edu/SubAbuseCounseling and your academic advisor at Eastfield College.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing a Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate². Courses from this certificate may apply to the related AAS degree. Gainful employment information for this certificate can be found at https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/degree_gei.cfm?a=132. For official certificate requirements, [click here](#).

The Substance Abuse Counseling certificate is designed to provide cross-training for helping professionals in other disciplines, i.e. bachelor and master level social workers, counselors, psychologists, nurses, criminal justices, etc. It also trains students for employment as a counselor intern. Students are required to complete a 336-hour Practicum experience at an approved agency before applying for Counselor Intern status from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. Courses that complete the Substance Abuse Counseling (SC) Certificate are noted below.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites, as long as the student completes the TSI waiver form prior to enrollment.



ONLY Offered at EFC

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PATHWAY FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS³

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students

SC	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆	SCWK 1321 – Orientation to Social Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm your academic and career goals by the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach to research career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
◆	SCWK 2311 – Interviewing and Counseling Theories	
◆	DAAC 1304 – Pharmacology of Addiction	
◆	DAAC 2341 – Counseling Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions	
◆	DAAC 1309 – Assessment of Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

SC	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆	SOCI 2340 – Drug Use and Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with an advisor to request an official program of study audit, confirm or update your academic/career path and program of study. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a faculty or career advisor regarding placement for the Practicum course. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.
◆	SCWK 2301 – Assessment and Case Management	
◆	DAAC 2330 – Multicultural Counseling	
◆	DAAC 2307 – Addicted Family Intervention	
◆	SCWK 1305 – Group Work Intervention	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

SC	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆	DAAC 2366 – Practicum (or Field Experience)-Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to apply for the Substance Abuse Counseling (SC) Certificate

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 3

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 33 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS | PATHWAY TOTAL: 33 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

¹ Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

² Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by one of the seven DCCCD colleges awarding the certificate.

³ This is not the official degree plan. For official certificate requirements, [click here](#).

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