

Certificate in Social Work and Addiction

This certificate program is designed to provide specialized knowledge and skills in addiction for bachelor's-level students planning to enter the workforce or to enter graduate school after graduation. The curriculum is designed to equip students with the ability to be effective as social workers within a substance abuse arena, with prevention, interventions and evaluation.

Admission

Eligible students are required to be social work majors, accepted into the Bachelor of Social Work program, or have received a prior BSW degree. Students must have a WSU GPA of 2.500, and in their social work courses, at least a 3.000 GPA.

Students are allowed to apply to the certificate program, and the program application deadlines are October 15, or March 15 for admission consideration into the certificate program for the following academic year. Once accepted, students meet with the certificate coordinator each semester to review program progress, engage in mentoring activities, and plan for the next semester's learning.

Program Requirements

The certificate program consists of five courses. The five required courses (17 credit hours) in their preferred sequence are:

Fall Semester		Credit Hours
SCWK 531	Social Work Practice in Addictions	3
SCWK 402	Practicum I	4
Credit Hours		7
Spring Semester		Credit Hours
SCWK 521	Forensic Social Work	3
SCWK 532	Pharmacology and Drug Classification in Social Work	3
SCWK 404	Practicum II	4
Credit Hours		10
Total Credit Hours		17

Students must maintain a WSU GPA of 2.500 and a 3.000 GPA in their social work classes. Students must receive a C (2.000) or better in the undergraduate certificate program classes to remain in the certificate program. The student's practicum (SCWK 402 and SCWK 404) placement must be an addiction focused practicum.

If a student does not meet the requirements to remain in the certificate program, the student and certificate coordinator request a review of the student's continued participation by the faculty student concerns committee. This group determines, along with the student and coordinator, whether there is a merited reason to remain a certificate program student, and if so, develops a plan forward accordingly.

If a student is dismissed from the certificate program due to failure to achieve the academic success in the certificate coursework, the student is notified in writing by the coordinator and faculty student concerns committee within 10 business days of the meeting.

Gainful Employment

This certificate has been reviewed and is *not* a gainful employment program per U.S. Department of Education rules and regulations.