

ADDICTION STUDIES: AS DEGREE

complete the NVC General Education (<https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#nvcgeneraleducationtext>) pattern to earn an Associate degree. Consultation with a Counselor is highly encouraged to ensure all requirements are met.

The Addiction Studies A.S. degree program is designed for students pursuing employment as a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Counselor, also called Certified Addictions Treatment Counselors (CATC's), in the State of California. AOD Counselors help individuals deal with substance abuse and dependency issues. It incorporates the Addiction Counseling Competencies published by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse Treatment Administration (www.samhsa.gov (<https://www.samhsa.gov/>)).

Career Opportunities

Multiple career opportunities are available as Behavioral Health and Chemical Dependency Case Managers, Behavioral Health Counselors, Chemical Dependency Counselors, and Treatment Facilities Counselors. AOD Counselors can work in private non-profit and/or public substance abuse treatment agencies. The academic program follows the standards for the CCAPP which certifies educational programs.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the composition, physical and cognitive effects, addictive factors, and symptoms of withdrawal and overdose of commonly abused substances.
2. Assess accurately persons using substances by identifying risk factors and behaviors to facilitate appropriate prevention, treatment, and referrals in the community.
3. Use evidence-based prevention and treatment strategies for clients and families from diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
4. Identify ethical and legal requirements for professional development.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses		
ADS-100	Law and Ethics	3
ADS-120	Introduction to Addiction Studies	3
ADS-123	Counseling Theories and Techniques	3
ADS-125	Personal and Professional Growth	3
ADS-127	Case Management in Addiction Studies	3
ADS-135	Pharmacology and the Physiological Effects of Addiction	3
ADS-193	Supervised Practicum for Addiction Studies 1	3.5
ADS-194	Supervised Practicum in Addiction Studies 2	3.5
HSRV-120	Introduction to Human Services	3
HSRV-124	Working With Diverse Populations	3
Total Units		31

* A minimum completion of three of the Certificate courses are required prior to beginning the Internship.

**Students in recovery must complete a minimum of 2+ years of sobriety and are actively pursuing an appropriate program of recovery prior to enrollment in their internship.

To receive an Associate Degree, students must complete 60 degree applicable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0. Students must also