

Career Focus & Opportunities

A team of academicians, addiction specialists and practitioners in the field developed the Addictions Counseling Certificate. The goal of this program is to help students and career professionals gain the knowledge, competencies and skills needed to work with the addicted population or those who have been affected by exposure to addictive behavior.

The program is designed for professionals who come in contact with and assist addicted persons and their families. These include:

- Corrections Officers
- Social Workers and Guidance Counselors
- Mental Health Professionals
- Nurses and other Medical Staff
- Psychiatrists and Psychologists
- Certified Professionals who may want to enhance their career opportunities
- Licensed Professional Counselors

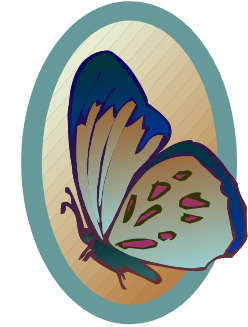
Area treatment facilities and other employers that work with addicted populations may give special consideration to graduates of the Addictions Counseling certificate program because they have successfully completed internships. Department staff will give matriculated students priority for counseling and advice about available internships, state certification processes, and employment opportunities at local corrections or treatment facilities.



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Certificate in Addictions Counseling



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The Addictions Studies Program is supported by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board and approved by the Kentucky Board of Certification of Alcohol and Drug Counselors.

General Information

The Addictions Counseling Certificate at Beckfield College is unique to the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati metropolitan area. Very few other colleges and universities in the region offer it.

This integrated course of study is grounded in a variety of professional disciplines, including pharmacology, biochemistry, medicine, psychology, psychiatry and sociology. There is a strong emphasis on the recognition, understanding, diagnosis and treatment of addictive behaviors. Prevention strategies and issues are also addressed.

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Students who complete the academic requirements, satisfy the work-hour requirements and pass the knowledge test proficiency exam will be eligible for licensure in Ohio.

To be awarded this professional certificate, students must successfully complete 32 quarter credit hours (8 courses).

Students may transfer up to 8 hours of comparable course work completed with a grade of "C" or higher from an accredited college or university, if coursework meets eligibility requirements. Only addictions, substance abuse, chemical dependency courses, or specific clinical courses will apply.

Students currently working in the field and who can document that they have a minimum of 330 hours of clinically supervised training in the core functions of addictions counseling may be able to have the internship credited, subject to departmental approval, which may require testing.



Certificate in Addiction Counseling Course Requirements

CRJ 250	Substance Abuse	4
ADS 260	Diagnosis and Assessment	4
ADS 270	Pharmacology of Addictions	4
ADS 280	Counseling in Addictions	4
ADS 290	Group Treatment	4
ADS 320	Relapse Prevention	4
ADS 335	Ethics in Addictions Counseling	4
ADS 350	Externship in Addictions Counseling*	4
	* All clinical coursework must be completed prior to the Internship; with departmental approval.	
Total		32

Admission Requirements

Beckfield College has an "open door" policy for matriculated, certificate seeking students. However, to be admitted into the clinical program, students must have an associate degree in a behavioral science or nursing or a higher degree in any standard academic discipline.

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How Do I Enroll?

For students who are interested in seeking a degree at Beckfield, we make the enrollment process convenient, quick and easy! We are proud to be able to give EVERY student individual attention in the enrollment process.

1. Complete the Online Information form.

The enrollment information form is available on our website: www.beckfield.edu. Since the process can begin online, there's no need to print and mail anything back to us. Once you press the submit button, we'll receive your information.

2. Complete Personal Interview.

Before we enroll you as a student at our campus, we want to talk to you about your academic and career goals. We want to learn more about you, as well as answer any of your questions.

3. Take a Tour of our Campus.

We would like to give you a tour of our campus to show you what our school has to offer. We're confident that you'll be impressed with our facilities.

4. Complete the Enrollment Application.

After we answer all of your questions, you simply need to fill out the application. This application will begin the enrollment process, taking you one step closer to graduation.

5. Complete the Financial Aid Application.

Because we are an accredited college, we can offer several financial aid options to qualified students. If you qualify we will assist you throughout the financial aid process.