



Human Development/Human Services Department

## **CERTIFIED ADDICTION TREATMENT COUNSELOR**

Drug and alcohol counselors are certified by the California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators (CAADE). The first step in the certification process is completion of an Addiction Studies program at a CAADE approved college. Cuesta College's Addiction Studies program meets this requirement.

Following completion of required classes, including HDHS 288 (Internship-Fieldwork/Seminar), an individual is eligible to take the Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor (CATC) exam through CAADE. After passing the CATC exam, an individual must complete 2240 supervised clinical hours at a State Licensed AOD facility. This includes the hours completed during HDHS 288 and any supervised work at a licensed facility dating back five years from application for initial certification. An individual has three years to become certified after passing the CATC exam.

CAADE suggests that individuals register with CAADE when they begin their internship (HDHS 288), or when they begin working in the field.

Students can contact CAADE at:  
5230 Clark Ave., Suite 3  
Lakewood, CA 90712  
(707) 722-2331  
CAADE.org

The CAADE website provides useful information, including job opportunities in the field.

Enrolling in HDHS 270 (Introduction to Addiction Studies) is the first step a Cuesta College student takes toward completion of the college's academic program. HDHS 270 is a prerequisite for all Addiction Studies classes but may be taken concurrently with other Addiction Studies classes.

After completion of the following classes with a grade of C or above, students are eligible to enroll in HDHS 288 (Internship-Fieldwork/Seminar):

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HDHS 270 Introduction to Addiction Studies  
HDHS 271 Group Process and Practice  
HDHS 272 Drug Prevention Education  
HDHS 278 Families and Addiction  
HDHS 279 Treatment/Case Management  
HDHS 280 Basic Interviewing and Counseling  
HDHS 213 Ethnic Identity and Developmental Patterns  
HEED 206 Health Aspects of Drug Use

Students must complete and submit a Notification of Intent to Enroll in HDHS 288 during the first four weeks of the semester prior to the semester they plan to enroll in HDHS 288. A copy of this form is attached. After submission of this form, students will receive a packet of information and instructions concerning the Addiction Studies internship and CAADE requirements.

CAADE also requires that students complete the following classes before taking the CATC exam:

HDHS 205 Life Management  
HDHS 210 Introduction to Human Services  
HDHS 212 Life Span Development  
PSY 201a Introduction to Psychology  
SOC 201a Introduction to Sociology

Cuesta College does not currently offer an A.A. degree in Addiction Studies. While CAADE does require completion of specific classes, CAADE does not require that an applicant possess an A.A. Degree in Addiction Studies. Students wishing to obtain an A.A. Degree in Human Development/Human Services can obtain information at the Applied Behavioral Sciences Division, Building 4000 on the San Luis Obispo campus. An Associate Degree Application is attached.

Students are urged to obtain a Certificate in Addiction Studies. A Certificate Application is attached.

It should be noted, as per CAADE requirements, all students in the Addiction Studies program are evaluated on an ongoing basis for academic performance and emotional well-being. Any student deemed not appropriate for the program may be disqualified for completion of the program.

For more information contact the Applied Behavioral Sciences Division:

*Don Norton, Division Chair, (805) 546-3100, Ext. 2765*

*Vicki Schemmer, Division Assistant, (805) 546-3263*

[www.cuesta.edu](http://www.cuesta.edu)

## **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN HDHS 288**

This form must be completed and submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the current semester if you are planning to enroll in HDHS 288 (Addiction Studies Fieldwork & Seminar) during the following semester. The form should be returned to Vicki Schemmer, Applied Behavioral Sciences Division Assistant in the 4000 Building (Child Development Center) at the San Luis Obispo campus. The form can be submitted in person, or by mail to:

Cuesta College Applied Behavioral Sciences  
Attn: Vicki Schemmer  
P.O. Box 8106  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-8106

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following classes must be successfully completed ("C" or better) prior to enrollment in HDHS 288. ***Please place a check mark next to those you have completed and circle those in which you are currently enrolled.***

1. HDHS 213 – Ethnic Identity and Development Patterns
2. HDHS 270 – Intro to Addiction Studies: Addiction and the Community
3. HDHS 271 – Group Process and Practice
4. HDHS 272 – Drug Prevention and Education
5. HDHS 278 – Families and Addiction
6. HDHS 279 – Treatment and Case Management
7. HDHS 280 – Basic Interviewing and Counseling Skills
8. HEED 206 – Health Aspects of Drug Use

***Attach a current unofficial Cuesta College transcript to this form. It is located in MyCuesta under the Student Tab, Steps to Success. If you have completed applicable classes at another college please also attach a transcript from that college. Please call 546-3263 if you have any questions.***