

ADVANCED ADDICTION COUNSELING AND TREATMENT, MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

The Master of Arts in Advanced Addiction Counseling & Treatment is designed to provide current substance use disorder professionals, or other behavioral health providers, advanced theory and practical application of substance use counseling, co-occurring disorder treatment, supervision, and clinical skills. The courses align with the education requirements for the Washington State Department of Health licensed agency affiliated counselor (LAAC). Review the Department of Health (<https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/agency-affiliated-counselor/>) web page for additional information and licensing requirements.

This 48-credit program is fully online, allowing for flexibility for students to pursue a career while maintaining a work/life balance. Full or part-time enrollment options are available. For admissions requirements, review information on the Addiction Studies (<https://www.ewu.edu/cpp/social-work/addiction-studies/>) web page or contact ADST@ewu.edu.

Out of State Applicants: Certification/licensing requirements differ from state to state. Students should check with their local certification/licensing board to confirm this is the right program for their residence, or email ADST@ewu.edu for more information.

Contact EWU Financial Aid & Scholarships at finaid@ewu.edu to inquire about funding opportunities.

Required Courses

ADST 505	ADDICTION GROUP COUNSELING	2
ADST 535	CONFIDENTIALITY, LAW AND ETHICS FOR THE ADDICTION PROFESSIONAL	4
ADST 542	SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, AND MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION OF CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS	4
ADST 545	COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY	4
ADST 546	BEST PRACTICE INTERVENTIONS AND CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS	4
ADST 552	PROCESS ADDICTIONS	4
ADST 554	TRAUMA INFORMED CARE	4
ADST 560	CLINICAL SUPERVISION IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRACTICE	4
ADST 561	SPECIAL TOPICS	4
ADST 576	ADDICTION: A BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL APPROACH	4
ADST 582	RESEARCH FOR EVIDENCE INFORMED PRACTICE	4
ADST 584	SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND HARM REDUCTION	4
ADST 602	ADST PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO	2

Total Credits

48

Students who earn an MA in Advanced Addiction Counseling and Treatment from EWU should be able to:

- develop advanced skills in evidence-informed practices with diverse populations;
- apply theoretical models of supervision to resolve ethical dilemmas, enhance clinical practices, and promote team cohesion;
- navigate complex legal and ethical challenges, ensuring compliance with federal, state, and organizational regulations;
- analyze the use of harm reduction strategies to treat substance use and co-occurring disorders.