



ACADEMIC MAP TO CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR 2026-2027



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Psychology &
Addiction Studies

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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	ENGL 1010 – Composition & Rhetoric I			3	C			
	MATH 1020 – College Algebra			3	D			
	PSYC 1010 – General Psychology			3	C			
	PSYC 2040 – Psychology as a Profession			3	C			
	SCI 1010 or CHEM 1030 or CHEM 1070			3	D			
	UNIV 1000 – The University Experience			1	D			

Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ENGL 1020 – Composition and Rhetoric II			3	C			
MATH 1060 – Finite Math			3	D			
PSYC 2050 – Developmental Psychology			3	C			
PSYC 2430 – Introduction to Experimental Methodology			3	C			
COMM 1010 or 2500 or BUAD 2200 or PHIL 1010			3	D			

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	PSYC 3050 – Diversity Issues or PSYC 3060- Social Psychology			3	C			
	PSYC 3020 – Experimental Psychology: Learning			3	C			
	BIO 1010 or BIO 2250			3	D			
	BIO 1011 or BIO 2251			1	D			
	ENGL 2110- Introduction to Literature			3	D			
	EPSY 2020 or SOC 1010			3	D			

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
PSYC 3010 – Physiological Psychology			3	C			
PSYC 4440 – History of Psychology			3	C			
BIO 1020 or BIO 2260			3	D			
BIO 1021 or BIO 2261			1	D			
AS elective course			3	C			
Academic Elective			3	D			

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	PSYC 4400 – Statistics for Behavioral Sciences			3	C			
	FA 1040 – Exploring the Arts			3	D			
	AS Elective			3	C			
	AS Elective			3	C			
	Academic Elective			3	D			

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
PSYC 4410 – Psychological Testing and Measurement			3	C			
PSYC 4450 – Abnormal Psychology			3	C			
AS Elective			3	C			
Academic Elective			3	D			
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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____



- Begin preparing for Certified Addiction Counselor Test
- Register with LA Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority as Counselor in Training
- Secure supervision spot with Certified Clinical Supervisor

YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	PSYC 4470 – Theories of Personality			3	C			
	PSYC 4510 – Ethics in Psychology			3	C			
	Academic Elective			3	D			
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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
PSYC 4490 – Senior Research Seminar			3	C			
GEOG 1010 or 1020 or PSCI 2010 or ANTH 1510 or 2020, or ECON 2000			3	D			
Academic Elective			3	D			
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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits 120



Apply for graduation



Register for Certified Addiction Counselor Test with LA Substance Abuse Counselors Training Association upon completion of supervision hours.

YOU'VE FINISHED!



Requirements are for Louisiana Substance Abuse Certification.



Recommended

ABA/AS/PSYC Electives



MILESTONE

Academic Electives



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements = 78 | University Core/Support = 42 | Total Credits = 120

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.

ACADEMIC MAP TO:



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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

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Total Credits _____

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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

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Total Credits _____

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MILESTONE

Major Electives
 Academic Electives



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements = _____ | University Core/Support = _____ | Total Credits = _____

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