

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK ADDICTIONS COUNSELING CONCENTRATION¹



The concentration in addictions counseling will prepare social work students to work with clients and agencies that provide services for substance abuse and other addictive disorders. The course work and internship requirements are designed to meet the educational requirements for addictions counseling in Indiana, Licensed Addiction Counseling (LAC), for specifics see: https://www.in.gov/pla/files/LAC_by_Exam_Application_Instructions_2015.pdf

REQUIRED COURSES:

SOCW 242 - *Introduction to Substance Abuse and Addictive Disorders*. The introduction to substance abuse course prepares students to identify and understand the problems of alcohol and other substance abuse. The nature of addiction; addiction across the lifespan; co-morbidity; diversity; and an introduction to strengths-based helping strategies will be presented to students. The student will demonstrate learning by identifying differing perspectives and theoretical models that define addiction; biological and socio-biological explanations of addiction; signs and symptoms of addiction; ethnic, cultural, and gender issues related to addiction and treatment. Prerequisite(s): Sophomore Standing or Permission of Instructor. Term(s) Offered: Fall, Spring. Credits: 3

SOCW 353 - *Substance Abuse, the Family & Society*. This course will focus on the impact of substance abuse on the individual and the family. Emphasis will be placed on the development of intervention utilizing family systems models and intervention techniques. Prerequisite(s): Sophomore Standing or Permission of Instructor Term(s) Offered: Fall, Spring. Credits: 3

SOCW 354 - *Counseling & Treatment Models in Addictions and Recovery*. This course will include content on pharmacology, neurology, assessment, treatment protocols, documentation and on-going treatment interventions for addictions. Additional content on topics related to addictive disorders such as gambling, sexual addictions, and eating disorders will be covered. Information on how public policy and criminal justice systems impact treatment will be explored. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 221 and SOCW 242; Junior Standing or Permission of Instructor. Term(s) Offered: Fall, Spring

REQUIRED INTERNSHIP:

Applicants must complete at least one (1) supervised practicum, internship, or field experience in an addiction counseling setting that requires the applicant to provide at least three hundred fifty (350) hours of addiction counseling services. The required practicum, internship, or field experience listed in this section must have been primarily in the provision of direct addiction counseling services. - Indiana Professional Licensing (www.in.gov/pla).

Students fulfill this internship requirement through SOCW 401 - *Social Work Practicum I* and SOCW 411 - *Social Work Practicum II*. Students interested in the addictions counseling concentration must notify their advisor and the Director of Field Education (Prof. Bonnie Rinks, berinks@usi.edu) the spring semester before taking SOCW 401.

¹ The addictions counseling concentration is **open only to social work majors**.