



# CHANGE Beliefs Behavior Lives

Addiction kills.

Every year, abuse of illicit drugs and alcohol contributes to the death of more than 100,000 Americans.\* According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, over 22 million people needed treatment for an alcohol or drug problem in 2003, making it the #1 public health issue in the country.

You can help stop it.

The Addictions Counseling A.S. degree from Monroe Community College offers the educational foundation you need to help change the cycle of addiction.

As a student, you will learn to understand the addictive process and the impact of addiction on individuals, family and society. You will learn about medical and psychological disorders that frequently co-exist with addiction. You will explore issues related to family, relationships, employment, education, spirituality, physical health, mental health, and legal concerns. You'll learn what's involved in developing desired treatment outcomes as well as strategies for achieving them.

If you want to change people's lives ... if you want to make a difference in your community... the Addictions Counseling A.S. will be a challenging and rewarding major for you.

\* National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2008

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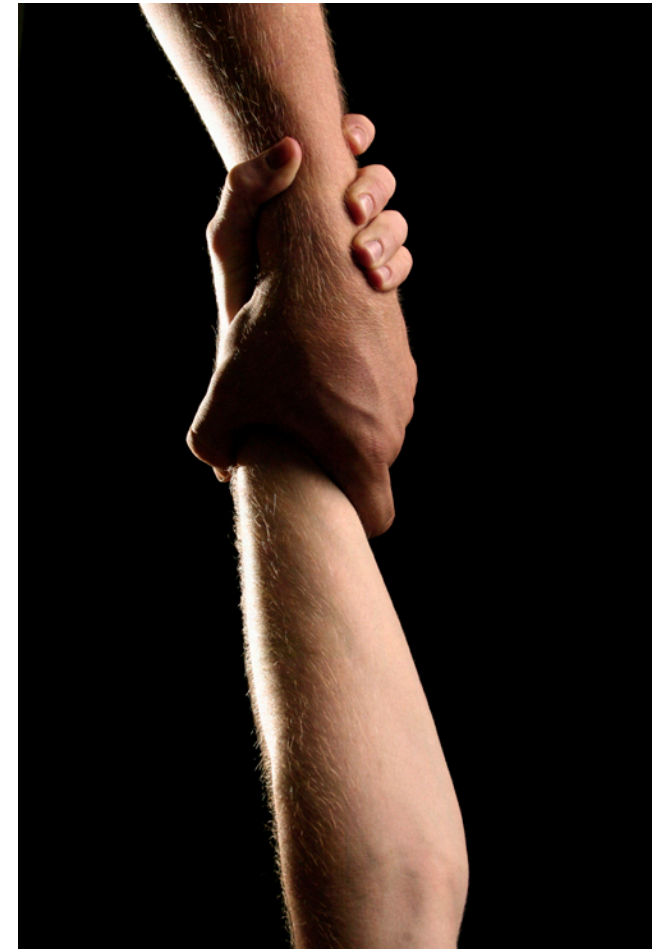
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# ADDICTIONS COUNSELING (A.S.)



**There's More To You. There's More To MCC.**

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM



The Addictions Counseling A.S. prepares you to help prevent substance abuse, counsel people with drug and alcohol problems, and provide other services to people suffering from addiction.

The program is specifically designed for students who plan to earn a bachelor's degree in social work or a related field and ultimately work in a drug treatment

agency, hospital, or drug prevention area. It provides the required knowledge, skills, and most of the training hours mandated by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to earn certification as a Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC).

*Note: To apply to become a CASAC, you must reside or work in New York State at least 51% of the time, be at least 18 years of age, and have a high school diploma or G.E.D. For more information, visit [www.oasas.state.ny.us](http://www.oasas.state.ny.us).*

The program has been endorsed by the social work departments at Nazareth College and SUNY Brockport, and has earned the support of many local agencies.

## INTERNSHIP/TRAINING HOURS

In addition to coursework, students in the Addictions Counseling program will complete an internship that will provide the valuable opportunity to integrate work experience with academic course work. Participating agencies include:

- Department of Mental Hygiene
- Wayne Behavioral Health Network
- DePaul Addiction Services
- East House Corporation
- Unity Health System/Evelyn Brandon Health Center
- Huther-Doyle
- Rochester Mental Health
- Strong Recovery

## EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The substance abuse treatment field is facing a workforce crisis. In New York State, a serious labor force shortage is anticipated in the next ten years, particularly as more addicts are sent to treatment centers instead of prison. Demand for qualified substance abuse counselors is expected to grow significantly, especially for clinicians with the desirable CASAC credential.

## WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Along with a core curriculum of humanities, social sciences, natural science and mathematics, you'll take required courses and electives that teach you all 12 core functions identified by OASAS as vital for addictions professionals. These include screening, intake, orientation, assessment/evaluation/intervention, referral, treatment planning, counseling, crisis intervention, patient education, case management, reporting/record keeping, and consultation.

Required Courses	Total Credit Hours
Humanities	12
ENG 101/200 English Composition or Advanced Composition	3
One Humanities Elective	3
One Literature Elective	3
Social Sciences Electives	12
Mathematics and Natural Science	11
MTH 160 Statistics I or higher	3
Natural Science Electives	8
Program Requirements	21
HUM 101 Introduction to Human Services	4
HUM 111 Fieldwork in Human Services I	2
ACD 140 Alcohol/Chemical Dependency and the Human Service Worker	3
ACD 143 Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Counseling Skills	3
ACD 144 Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Group Counseling Skills	3
ACD 146 Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Internship and Seminar	6
Program Electives (Choose One)	3
ACD 141 Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Treatment Modalities	3
ACD 142 Alcohol/Chemical Dependency and the Family	3
ACD 145 Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Special Topics	3
General Electives	4
Physical/Health Education	2
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>62</b>

*"I chose the Addictions Counseling program because I have known and loved many people who suffer from this disease. The disease of addiction affects the very souls of those afflicted with it. I feel that I have been called to help."*  
*Donna Powers, Addictions Counseling student*

## WHERE TO TRANSFER

**2+2 Dual Admission Programs.** If you already know which college or university you want to transfer to, and you have an excellent academic record, consider applying for a 2+2 Dual Admission Program. With 2+2 Dual Admission, you can get accepted to a four-year school now and pay just one admission fee. You'll complete your first two years at MCC, and your remaining two at that four-year college.

MCC offers 2+2 programs for a B.S. in Social Work with several institutions, including:

- Roberts Wesleyan College
- SUNY University at Albany
- SUNY Brockport
- Nazareth College
- SUNY Buffalo State College
- Keuka College

**Other Transfer Opportunities.** MCC has many articulation agreements with SUNY schools and private colleges that allow you to transfer seamlessly. Wherever you choose to continue your education, your credits will go with you – MCC credits are accepted nationwide, even internationally.

*For more information on 2+2 Dual Admission and other transfer opportunities, visit [www.monroecc.edu/go/careercenter](http://www.monroecc.edu/go/careercenter), or call the Admissions Office.*

*"In the past, many MCC students transferred to Brockport as social work majors and indicated a desire to pursue CASAC certification. Your program would expedite their study, and I am confident it will result in students well prepared to complete their majors in social work at SUNY Brockport."*

*Diane Dwyer, Chair, Department of Social Work  
 SUNY Brockport*

*"The undergraduate social work program at Nazareth College would welcome community college graduates with a background in addictions counseling."*

*Virginia V. David, LMSW, ACSW, Professor and  
 Chairperson, Department of Social Work  
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## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY

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