

ADDICTIONS COUNSELING

 Frederick Community College



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Addictions Counseling

The addictions counseling program prepares students to provide treatment and support to help people recover from addiction. The Addictions Counseling A.A.S. degree and the Addictions Counseling certificate program provide two options for students interested in this field.

Addictions Counseling Associate of Applied Science

The Addictions Counseling Associate of Applied Science degree program prepares students who are seeking specific knowledge in substance abuse counseling to work with clients in a broad range of treatment settings. Basic counseling and interviewing skills, assessment and diagnosis of substance use and other mental disorders, treatment delivery, ethical practice, and field experience are emphasized.

Addictions Counseling Certificate

The Addictions Counseling certificate program prepares those who are seeking a new career in the field of addictions and those who wish to advance in their present career by adding professional education in addictions to their credentials.

A drug screening and/or criminal background check is often required to obtain and maintain employment in an addictions counseling career. Individuals whose criminal histories may interfere with their ability to secure employment should discuss questions with addictions counseling faculty.

Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors was \$46,240 in 2019. Overall employment of substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors is projected to grow 22% from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook (bls.gov/ooh)

Internship Program

Internships help students integrate what is taught in the classroom with what is required in the workplace. Students take internships to develop knowledge and skills valued by employers. Students in the addictions counseling program at Frederick Community College (FCC) are eligible to receive credit for internships.

View required course listings: frederick.edu/addictions-counseling



Transfer Note

To find more information about how credits will transfer from FCC to a state four-year institution, visit artsys.usmd.edu or consult a College advisor. FCC has articulation agreements with Stevenson University and Mount St. Mary's University, allowing students a seamless transfer experience. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.

For more information:

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