



Department of Psychology  
Student Curriculum Contract

**Master of Science in Substance Abuse Counseling**  
**MSSA**  
**ONLINE PROGRAM 60 Hours**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The following 59 hours are required of all candidates NOTE: All courses are 3 hours unless otherwise marked.

**Foundation Courses – 24 hours**

- \_\_\_ PSYH 502 Theories of Counseling & Psychotherapy
- \_\_\_ PSYH 503 Techniques of Counseling & Psychotherapy
- \_\_\_ PSYH 511 Advanced Developmental Psychology
- \_\_\_ PSYH 515 Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods
- \_\_\_ PSYH 520 Advanced Psychopathology
- \_\_\_ PSYH 575 Advanced Behavioral Neuroscience
- \_\_\_ PSYH 592 Social & Community Psychology
- \_\_\_ PSYH 665 Diagnosis & Treatment

**Substance Abuse Courses – 27 hours**

- \_\_\_ PSYH 505 Foundations of Chemical Dependency I (4 hours)
- \_\_\_ PSYH 506 Foundations of Chemical Dependency II (4 hours)
- \_\_\_ PSYH 507 Ethical Issues in Chemical Dependency (1 hour)
- \_\_\_ PSYH 510 Psychology of Addictions
- \_\_\_ PSYH 513 Recovery & Relapse
- \_\_\_ PSYH 524 Biological Systems of Chemical Dependency
- \_\_\_ PSYH 655 Multicultural & Diversity Issues
- \_\_\_ PSYH 688 Practicum and
- \_\_\_ PSYH 690 Internship

**Electives: Select 9 hours from the following: 3 hours each**

- \_\_\_ PSYH 512 Statistics for Mental Health Professionals
- \_\_\_ PSYH 525 Crisis & Trauma
- \_\_\_ PSYH 560 Personality Theories
- \_\_\_ PSYH 581 Special Topics
- \_\_\_ PSYH 590 Adv. Forensic Psychology
- \_\_\_ PSYH 605 Health Psychology
- \_\_\_ PSYH 625 Theories of Career Counseling & Development
- \_\_\_ PSYH 630 Family Systems Theory
- \_\_\_ PSYH 645 Group Coun & Psychother.
- \_\_\_ PSYH 660 Ethics & Prof. Practice
- \_\_\_ PSYH 554 Human Sexuality

**Admission requirements**

Admissions Application  
Minimum 2.5 undergrad GPA

**Chemical Dependency Certification Program**

Application for CDCC  
21 Hours (min. of 14 earned at Union College  
21 hours will count toward MSSA if taken

**Completion of Master of Science in Substance Abuse Counseling**

Minimum 3.0 in all grad work  
Successfully Pass COMP exam  
Application for graduation: MSSA  
and application for graduation for the CDCC certificate.

NOTE: With this program, student will earn the MSSA Master's Degree as well as the CDCC certificate.

\*The student must submit a separate application for the CDCC program.

**Kentucky State Board Certification/Licensure Requirements**

The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, and must be able to document the following:

- Baccalaureate (sufficient for state certification as a substance abuse counselor) or Master's degree (State licensure requires 60 hour Master's program)
- Board-approved experience working with alcohol or drug dependent persons (300 hours of which have been under the direct supervision of a licensed or board approved certified alcohol and drug counselor who has at least 2 years of post-certification experience) ☐ 6000 hours at the Baccalaureate level  
☐ 2000 hours at the Masters level
- 270 classroom hours of board-approved curriculum (satisfied by Union College 21 credit hour program)
- \* Six hours of ethics training and 2 hours of training in the transmission, control, treatment, and prevention of HIV (Satisfied by board approved workshops, face to face for ethics training).
- Passing score on written exam approved by the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse ▪ Signed agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of ethics.
- The above are the KY requirements. Please check with the licensing or certifying board in your state for requirements. All current state certification information may found at <http://adc.ky.gov>

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_