

UNION COLLEGE

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
Acceptable score on GRE
*GRE WAIVED –if CDCC was
Earned at Union College

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 _____