



Health Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Substance Abuse Assessor

Total number of units: 33 units

Top Code/Academic Plan:

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FALL	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	ADDICST 001	Understanding Addiction and Counseling	3		Offered in fall and spring only.
Program Course	ADDICST 007	Addiction Treatment and Recovery	3		Offered in fall and spring only.
Program Course	ADDICST 022	Prevention Specialist Training	3		Offered in fall and spring only.

Total Units 9

WINTER	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program/GE Course	PSYCH 001	General Psychology	3	Also satisfies IGETC Area 4. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	

Total Units 3

SPRING	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	PSYCH 043	Group Dynamics I	3	Prerequisite: ADDICST 001. Corequisite: PSYCH 043.	Offered in fall and spring only.
Program Course	ADDICST 016	Continuing Recovery: Strategies & Basic Skills	3		Monterey Park campus only. Evening only. Offered in fall and spring only.
Program Course	ADDICST 010	Addiction and the Family	3		Monterey Park campus only. Evening only. Offered in fall and spring only.

Total Units 9

SUMMER	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program/GE Course	PSYCH 014	Abnormal Psychology	3	It is recommended that PSYCH 001 be taken before this course.	

Total Units 3

FALL	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	ADDICST 025	Clinical Counseling for Co-Occurring Disorders	3	Prerequisite: ADDICST 001, 007, 022, and PSYCH 014. Corequisites: ADDICST 010, 016 and PSYCH 043 and PSYCH 068.	Offered in fall and spring only.
Program Course	PSYCH 068	Biopsychology of Chemical Dependency: Drugs, Behavior, and Health	3		Offered in fall and spring only.

Total Units 6

SPRING	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	ADDICST 026	Substance Abuse Assesment	3	All 10 classes listed above must be completed before enrolling in this class. This class can be taken with the internship classes (ADDICST 081 and ADDICST 082).	Offered once per academic year.

Total Units 3

Degree Path and Requirements:

This program requires the above listed courses, which includes 11 classes.

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Department Advising Notes:

When the ten required courses are completed, students can apply to department-approved internship sites. While taking the internship classes (ADDICST 081 and ADDICST 082) students can enroll in ADDICST 026, which, upon completion, will give them the Certificate of Achievement of Substance Abuse Assessor. If students chose not to take the internships, they can work in the field with the Substance Abuse Assessor Certificate conducting assessments. Students who complete this program will have met the requirements for the Addiction Prevention Specialist Certificate and Addiction Recovery Specialist Skills Certificate.

Some students who follow this program also pursue the Psychology AA-T. There are three courses in this program, PSYCH 001, 014, 043, that satisfy three Psychology AA-T requirements.

Program Description

The Psychology Department offers this Certificate of Achievement for Substance Abuse Assessor as part of its Addiction Studies Program. This certificate provides academic preparation for individuals employed, or preparing for employment, in public and private agencies that serve clients with substance abuse issues.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Students who are interested in assessment, and do not have a desire to provide counseling, can secure employment with this certificate. Students can conduct intakes, assessments and provide case management services with this certificate. This certificate will allow students to secure employment while completing the Addiction Counselor Program, or pursuing a BA or MA.

Students can explore career opportunities in addiction studies [here](#).

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Youtube Videos

[East Los Angeles College Addiction Studies Program - Meet ELAC Champion Leonel Escobar](#)

[East Los Angeles College Addiction Studies Program - Meet ELAC Champion Eddie Alvo](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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