

*“The Substance Use Disorders and Addictions Certificate Program prepares students toward the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) credential in North Carolina.*

*This is a highly sought after credential amongst social service agencies who provide much needed services for persons dealing with a variety of substance use disorders and addictions.*

*The Certificate Program provides much of the necessary education and hours of supervised practicum experience toward attaining the LCAS credential.”*

- Professor, Noell Rowan

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## Substance Use Disorders and Addictions Certificate

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The School of Social Work Substance Use Disorders and Addictions Certificate Program offers students the opportunity to learn about the core functions and competencies in substance abuse counseling for the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) credential administered by the N.C. Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board (NCSAPPB). The four courses offered are electives in the MSW curriculum and are also available to community practitioners in the Wilmington area. Courses will be taught in the evening by credentialed faculty, using in-person (seated), hybrid and online formats. Courses are sequenced, offered one at a time in an intensive format of seven and a half weeks.

## Required Courses

Courses contain content on the 12 core functions and core competencies of substance abuse counseling, ethics, HIV/AIDS and clinical supervision.

1. Introduction to Substance Use Disorders and Addictions (SWK 366/566)
2. Individual and Group Substance Use Disorders Treatment (SWK 542)
3. Family Systems and Addictions Treatment (SWK 528)
4. Assessing and Treating Eating Disorders, Exercise and Food Addictions (SWK 543)

- ▶ Completion of coursework in this certificate program does not waive other state board requirements for the LCAS credential. Students and practitioners pursuing the LCAS credential should contact the NCSAPPB. MSW students who complete the entire certificate program qualify for the "Criteria C" school program.

- ▶ MSW students complete their practicum placement (510/511/512) in an approved facility that focuses on treatment for people with substance use disorders and addictions under supervision of credentialed clinical supervision (CCS or CSI) faculty.
- ▶ Community practitioners wishing to enroll in courses toward the LCAS credential should contact [Abby Culp at culpa@uncw.edu](mailto:Abby.Culp@uncw.edu)
- ▶ Each class offers 45 contact hours of continuing education credit and is available as classroom space allows. Practitioners will need to complete initial application information and pay course fees in order to be enrolled in the coursework.



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