

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING

(Also see Human Services and Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice)

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The Substance Abuse Counseling program prepares students for employment as alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) counselors. Coursework provides counseling education and training for social services and human resource professionals concerned with addicted individuals and their families.

The curriculum leading to the A.A.S. is accredited by the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association (IAODAPCA). Completion of the program meets the association's requirements to sit for the CADC (Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor) certification examination.

IAODAPCA certification indicates that the student has demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and core functions necessary to provide quality care to individuals seeking treatment of their alcohol and/or other drug abuse or dependence.

In addition to the 60-credit-hour A.A.S., Oakton offers two certificates: Preparatory Substance Abuse Counseling and Advanced Substance Abuse Counseling.