

MASTER OF ADDICTION COUNSELING IN PSYCHOLOGY, PLAN C (M.A.C.P.)

The Master of Addiction Counseling in Psychology is designed to provide students the education needed to become a licensed addiction counselor. With this degree and licensure, graduates are able to enter the workforce as treatment providers for those struggling with substance use and substance use disorders. The program is structured as one year of course work and one year of internship in order to satisfy state requirements for certification and licensure.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Learning Objectives

The Program will prepare students to work as Certified Addiction Specialist (CAS) in the State of Colorado, or as Licensed Addiction Counselors (LAC), either in private practice or addiction treatment centers nationwide. Typical responsibilities for LAC Counselors include:

- Providing treatment for substance use disorders and behavioral addictions through either individual or group therapy.
- Providing training and supervision for CAT and CAS counselors.
- Providing community outreach, informing the public of what treatment options are available and what the impacts of addictive disorders are on public health.

All courses are designed to embody emerging principles in Addiction Counseling as set forth by the field, the Behavioral Health Administration (<https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/cac-clinical-training-program/>), and the Department of Regulatory Agencies (<https://dora.colorado.gov/>) (both part of the Colorado Department of Human Services (<https://cdhs.colorado.gov/>)). Courses will provide critical core knowledge, and will map onto the coursework and training experiences required by OBH and DORA so that graduates will be eligible to sit for licensure exams upon completion of the Master's in Addiction Counseling Program.