

MASTER OF ADDICTION COUNSELING IN PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

The Master of Addiction Counseling in Psychology and Social Work program (MACP/MSW) is uniquely positioned to address the workforce gap that exists to treat co-occurring substance use and mental health needs. This joint degree program combines the Master in Addiction Counseling in Psychology (MACP) and the Master of Social Work (MSW), which are offered respectively by the Department of Psychology and the School of Social Work. Each degree accepts credits earned in the other degree. Upon completion of the program, graduates will have completed the educational requirements toward licensure as a Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Post-degree supervision and practice requirements vary by state, and prospective students are encouraged to review licensure requirements where they intend to practice.

The Advanced Standing Program is available to those who have earned a BSW from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and have earned that degree within the past seven years. The BSW degree must be granted prior to the beginning of advanced standing classes.

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

Learning Objectives

This Joint Masters Program in Addiction Counseling in Psychology and Social Work will prepare students to work as Licensed Addiction Counselors (LAC) and Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW). With this joint degree, graduates will be able to treat individuals struggling with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, provide training for future graduates, and serve as leaders in the field advocating for their constituents. This will be accomplished through the following program-level learning objectives. Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Serve as skilled practitioners who engage in ethical, autonomous, and multi-disciplinary practice across system levels utilizing a Person-in-Environment perspective.
2. Provide scientifically supported treatment for co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders in individual, family, and group therapy modalities.
3. Provide evidence-based supervision and training for addiction counseling and social work students as they complete their training.
4. Serve as leaders who advance social, economic, and environmental justice, promote human rights, and engage in social action to eliminate oppressive conditions for all people.
5. Serve as leaders that value and appreciate human relationships and diversity in its multiple forms and who model and advocate for inclusive practices and cultural humility.
6. Practice life-long learning, engage in scientific inquiry, and utilize critical thinking to inform practice at all system levels.

7. Critically apply relevant theories and values to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate practice within changing contexts at all systems levels.