Help others avoid and recover from addiction with professional training in chemical dependency.

Addiction is a growing problem in our society and one that requires professionals committed to helping those affected by it. Advise individuals and families impacted by alcoholism or drug addiction and help them recover or modify problem behaviors.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Minor  
Format: On-campus  
Est. time to complete: 3 years  
Credit hours: 20

Why Study Chemical Dependency at UND?

A Chemical Dependency minor provides you greater understanding of this complex and vitally important area of health and how to help those in need of guidance and support. Substance abuse counselors:

- Develop, recommend and review treatment goals and plans with clients and their families;
- Assist clients in developing skills and behaviors necessary to recover from their addiction; and,
- Work with clients to identify behaviors or situations that interfere with their recovery.

The Department of Social Work is designated as an Addiction Counselor Training Program by the North Dakota Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners.

Students who complete their major requirements, the Chemical Dependency minor and a practicum through the Addiction Counselor Training Program are eligible to take the exam to become a licensed addiction counselor in North Dakota.

Application Deadlines

FALL:
FRESHMEN: FEB. 1* | AUG. 1
TRANSFERS: APRIL 15* | AUG. 1
*ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY DEADLINE
SPRING: DEC. 15
SUMMER: MAY 1

Program Highlights

- Set out on a path to becoming a licensed addiction counselor in North Dakota or Minnesota.
- Designated as an Addiction Counselor Training Program in the State of North Dakota.
- Complete the minor with 20 credit hours of coursework (7 required, 13 elective).

Outcomes

20%
Projected growth for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors through 2026*

41K
Median annual salary for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors*

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Chemical dependency counselors, also known as addiction counselors or substance abuse counselors are in very high demand across the nation. These counselors work in a wide variety of settings, such as:

- Community health centers
- Mental health centers
- Prisons
- Private practice