



College Abilities

Clark College has identified six college-wide abilities that help students apply what they learn. The core abilities are taught across the curriculum and students continually practice and improve their skills in the six areas.

Communication

The ability to understand and deliver written, spoken and visual communication clearly and accurately.

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving

The ability to formulate, evaluate and synthesize facts, data, ideas, assumptions, values and points of view.

Effective Citizenship

The ability to identify community issues; evaluate and respect various opinions and values; and articulate one's own perspective.

Global/Multicultural Perspectives

The ability to identify, analyze and demonstrate how culture shapes world perceptions, values and behaviors.

Lifelong Learning

The ability to set and revise goals, access resources and assume responsibility for one's own learning.

Information/Technology

The ability to identify resources; retrieve and manage data; interpret, evaluate and use information; and adapt to changing technologies.

Clark College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, creed, disabled veteran status, marital status or Vietnam-era veteran status in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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Behavioral Sciences

Addiction Counselor Education



- Certificate of Proficiency
- Associate in Applied Science Degree
- Associate in Arts Degree



Eighth Quarter (Summer—Optional)

ACED	132	Intro to Counseling Family Members	3 credits
ACED	136	Law & Ethics in Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	170	Air- and Blood-Borne Pathogens	2 credits

Other Program Requirements

PSYC	101	General Psychology	5 credits
PSYC	211	Human Development	5 credits

Minimum Credits Required 90 credits

(including General Education Requirements)

*For non-majors also.

Refer to the Degree Requirements Section of the Clark College Catalog to identify the courses needed to satisfy the General Education Requirements.

Addiction Counselor Education

Associate in Arts Degree

Students who earn Clark College's Associate in Arts degree qualify to transfer to most Washington colleges and universities with junior standing. Lower division course requirements will vary depending on the transfer institution. Contact an advisor at the transfer institution to determine required coursework as soon as possible.

Major Area Requirements

ACED	101	Survey of Addictionology *	3 credits
ACED	122	Intro to Addictions Counseling Skills	3 credits
ACED	125	Group Counseling in Addictions	3 credits
ACED	136	Law & Ethics in Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	160	Pharmacology of Drugs of Abuse	3 credits
ACED	201	Theories of Counseling	3 credits
PSYC	101	General Psychology	5 credits
PSYC	211	Human Development	5 credits

Minimum Credits Required 90 credits

(including general education requirements)

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Addiction Counselor Education

Addiction Counselors work with families and individuals of all ages who are experiencing problems with addictive behaviors. Counselors may work as members of treatment teams in inpatient or outpatient settings, or with schools or in businesses. They provide group, individual, and couples therapy as well as assessments and interventions. Addiction Counselors also work as liaisons for their clients to judicial systems, schools, state services, and communities. Counselors may serve as educators in their communities, acquainting members of the communities with treatment options and prevention strategies for the community. Counselors may also refer clients to different support services such as medical evaluation and treatment, social services and employment services. At times, they may have to prepare documents for presentation in court and accompany the client to legal proceedings. Please contact the Addiction Counselor Education Department (ACED) program advisor for current Washington State certification requirements.

Students must complete all specifically listed courses and Major Area Requirements with a minimum grade of “C” or better in order to successfully complete the program and be awarded the certificate.

Addiction Counselor Education

Certificate of Proficiency

The Certificate of Proficiency in Addiction Counselor Education equips members of the helping professions as well as other professions with knowledge of the addiction disorders and behaviors in order to assist them in the delivery of services to their clients and patients. Knowledge of addictive processes can greatly assist members of law enforcement, teachers, health care workers, corrections and social services workers, among others in performing their jobs in a more comprehensive manner. This certificate is intended only for those students already holding an Associate degree or above.

Major Area Requirements

ACED	101	Survey of Addictionology *	3 credits
ACED	122	Intro to Addictions Counseling Skills	3 credits
ACED	125	Group Counseling in Addictions	3 credits
ACED	132	Intro to Counseling Family Members	3 credits
ACED	136	Law & Ethics in Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	137	Addictions and Mental Illness	3 credits
ACED	138	Prevention & Education in the Community	3 credits
ACED	160	Pharmacology of Drugs of Abuse	3 credits
ACED	164	Adolescent Addiction Assessment and Treatment	3 credits
ACED	170	Air- and Blood-Borne Pathogens	2 credits
ACED	201	Theories of Counseling *	3 credits
ACED	202	Multi-cultural Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	203	Case Management in Addiction Medicine	3 credits
ACED	205	Advanced Techniques for Addictions Counseling	3 credits
PSYC	101	General Psychology	5 credits
PSYC	211	Human Development	5 credits

Total Credits Required 57 credits
(including General Education Requirements)

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Addiction Counselor Education

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Major Area Requirements

First Quarter (Fall)

ACED	101	Survey of Addictionology *	3 credits
ACED	122	Intro to Addictions Counseling Skills	3 credits

Second Quarter (Winter)

ACED	170	Air- and Blood-Borne Pathogens	2 credits
ACED	201	Theories of Counseling *	3 credits

Third Quarter (Spring)

ACED	138	Prevention & Education in the Community	3 credits
ACED	160	Pharmacology of Drugs of Abuse	3 credits

Fourth Quarter (Summer—Optional)

ACED	132	Intro to Counseling Family Members	3 credits
ACED	136	Law & Ethics in Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	170	Air- and Blood-Borne Pathogens	2 credits

Fifth Quarter (Fall)

ACED	132	Intro to Counseling Family Members	3 credits
ACED	137	Addictions and Mental Illness	3 credits
ACED	210	Field Placement I	6 credits
ACED	211	Field Placement II	6 credits

Sixth Quarter (Winter)

ACED	125	Group Counseling in Addictions	3 credits
ACED	136	Law & Ethics in Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	164	Adolescent Addiction Assessment and Treatment	3 credits
ACED	210	Field Placement I	6 credits
or	211	Field Placement II	6 credits

Seventh Quarter (Spring)

ACED	202	Multi-cultural Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	203	Case Management in Addiction Medicine	3 credits
ACED	205	Advanced Techniques for Addictions Counseling	3 credits
ACED	210	Field Placement I	6 credits
or	211	Field Placement II	6 credits