

Workforce Certificate in Substance Use Disorder & Recovery

A 22% increase in employment is anticipated nationally for substance use and behavioral disorder counselors **between 2018 and 2028**.

This greater demand reflects the advanced awareness of drug and alcohol addictions, the preference of treatment over jail for offenders, and the opioid epidemic seen in Maine and throughout the nation.

The average annual wage for Substance Use, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors was \$54,800 in Maine as of 2019.

For the same year, average entry level wages were approximately \$34,700 compared to an average of \$64,800 for experienced workers.

Completion of this workforce certificate program will result in **30 credit hours** – all transferable into our Associate of Applied Science degree in Health and Human Services and meeting the requirements outlined by the State of Maine to apply for licensure as a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor based on completion of related coursework identified in the State of Maine Department of Financial Regulation Board of Drug and Alcohol Counselors Requirements for Licensure 32 M.R.S.A. §6214-C.

Thanks to Maine Quality Center funding, this training program is available to under or unemployed learners at no cost and includes tuition, books, and exam and licensure fees. Workforce partner services may be available to assist with supports like childcare and technology needs.

COURSEWORK INCLUDES:

- Drugs Substance Use & Recovery
- Case Management
- Group Process
- Community Mental Health
- Trauma and Recovery
- Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Addiction in the Family Psychology
- Interviewing & Counseling
- Diverse Care in Human Services **OR** Foundations of Adventure and Wilderness Therapy (requires both in person and online learning)

Courses run two at a time for 7-week modules, **online** beginning October 26, 2020 through July 30, 2021

> **For more information and to get started:** Email workforce@wccc.me.edu or <u>register here.</u>

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