

Addiction Studies, CAS

Academic Year 2026-2027

Program Description:

The Certificate of Applied Science in Addiction Studies offered by Mountwest enables students to develop essential skills for growth as helping professionals. The focus of the program is understanding the roles of different practitioners and serving those who struggle with substance-related and addictive disorders. Students will learn theories and techniques of professional counseling, social work, and the broader human services. Students will become familiar with the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Health Disorders (DSM-V-TR) and be able to recognize formal diagnoses.

In West Virginia, the West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVCBAPP) governs the certification of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) credential. This credential requires six years and six thousand supervised hours of practice to obtain. The CAS will help students determine a professional path forward in the helping professions.

Career Outlook:

For the most current information, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Outlook Handbook” found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

Program Admission Requirements:

The College adheres to an open admission policy which means applicants with a high school diploma or a GED are eligible for admission. Applicants with neither a high school diploma nor a GED may be admitted on a conditional basis.

Salary Forecast:

For the most current salary information, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Handbook” found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

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| COURSE | REQUIREMENTS | SEM | HRS | GR | SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS | SEM | CR |
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| ADC 101 | Intro to Alcohol and Drug Counseling | | 3 | | | | |
| ADC 111 | Basic Counseling Skills | | 3 | | | | |
| ADC 115 | Interpersonal Dynamics & Counselor Formation | | 3 | | | | |
| COL 101 | New Student Seminar | | 1 | | | | |
| COM 112 | Oral Communication | | 3 | | | | |
| ENL 101 | Written Communication I ¹ | | 3 | | | | |
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| ADC 121 | Professional Theories and Practice | | 3 | | | | |
| ADC 125 | Substance Related and Addictive Disorders | | 3 | | | | |
| ADC 291 | Field Experience I ² | | 2 | | | | |
| SOWK 101 | Intro to Social Work | | 3 | | | | |
| MAT 120 | Applied Professional Math ³ | | 3 | | | | |
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| HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 30 |
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1. ENL 101 has a prerequisite of ACT 18, SAT 480+, Accuplacer 250-300 or placed in ENL 101E. Students must complete ENL 101 or ENL 101E with a "C" or better to graduate.
2. ADC 291 requires permission from Program Director to enroll
3. MAT 120 has a prerequisite of minimum ACT Math score of 19, SAT Math score of 510, or Accuplacer score of 250+.