

NORTHERN



AMENDED 2015-16 Catalog (Revised 1/2/16)

Associate of Arts

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR

This program will provide an environment that broadens perspectives, builds self-awareness, and develops effective skills for substance abuse counseling. This degree prepares students for licensing as a Substance Abuse Counselor in New Mexico. The program is also designed for students wishing to complete a baccalaureate degree in the social sciences, including psychology, sociology, or social work, with an emphasis in substance abuse counseling.

GENERAL EDUCATION (38 CR) SEE PAGES 26-29.

Area I. Communications (9 cr)

ENG	111	English Composition I (3)
SPCH	130	Public Speaking (3)
ENG	112	English Composition II (3)

Area II. Mathematics (3 cr)

MATH	145	Introduction to Probability and Statistics (3)
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Area III. Laboratory Sciences (8 cr)

BIOL	110/L	Survey of Modern Biology w/Lab (4)
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Students may substitute BIOL 201/L for BIOL 110/L.

Choose one other Area III survey course (with lab) from the list on page 27.

Area IV. Social/Behavioral Sciences (9 cr)

PSY	105	General Psychology (3)
PSY	232	Abnormal Psychology (3)
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology (3)

Area V. Humanities and Fine Arts (6 cr)

Area VI. First Year Experience (3 cr)

FYE	101	First Year Experience (3)
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (24 CR)

PSY	140	Introduction to Substance Abuse Studies (3)
PSY	141	Psychology of Alcohol & Drug Abuse (3)
PSY	215	Basic Counseling Skills (3)
PSY	250	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Assessment, Treatment, & Referral (3)
PSY	260	Family Systems Theory and Counseling Applications (3)
PSY	275	Group Process (3)
SOC	140	Sociology of Alcohol & Drug Abuse (3)

Students must choose one of the following courses depending on advisor approval:

PSY	281	Practicum – Substance Abuse Counselors (3) or
HSS	288	Foundations of Integrated Studies (3)

TOTAL CREDITS: 62
