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Description of the Program:

The program prepares graduates to intern as Chemical Dependency Counselors under approved supervision within recognized agencies. The curriculum is determined both by the University system and the state legislature. The state mandates an AA in Chemical Dependency Counseling (MCA 37-35-202 paragraph 2(b)) plus specific hours of instruction in precisely defined chemical dependency categories (ARM 8.11.107)

Need for the Program:

In response to the need for interns and Licensed Addiction Counselors, the college has established a successful program to satisfy local and regional requirements. In extreme eastern Montana (Glendive, Sidney and Miles City) there are two DCC graduates who are Licensed Addiction Counselors (two who retired due to health reasons) plus four interns.

Glendive now has a WATCH program dealing with chronic DUI clients. There is a demand for LACs and interns in this program. The local head of this organization graduated from DCC with an degree in Chemical Dependency Counseling but is not pursuing licensure.

Regional demand is low, cyclical and constant. The burnout rate for this occupation is approximately two years. Demand hovers around 1 to 3 per year. With national cries for more mental health (including addictions) screening, we can anticipate increased demand and funding in the foreseeable future.

Program Course Requirements:

To graduate, students require 60 credit hours following the curriculum defined below:

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| BI101/BI111 | General Biology with a Lab |
| CD/HL 231 | Drugs, Pharmacology, Society and Human Behavior |
| CM 101 | Public Speaking |
| HS 101 | Introduction to Social and Human Services |
| PY 103 | General Psychology |
| CA 109 | Software Applications |
| EN 101 | Composition |
| HS 200 | Human Services Practice Skills |
| PY 230 | Psychology of Adjustment |
| CD 210 | Individual Counseling |
| CD 225 | Group Counseling |
| CD 232 | Seminar I: Patient Placement/Documentation |
| CD 233 | Seminar II: Dependence Theory/ Ethics |
| SO 103 | Principles of Sociology |
| CM 110 | Information Literacy |
| MA 116 | Elementary Statistics |
| PS 202 | State and Local Government |
| PY 203 | Developmental Psychology |

Six extra credits in Core II of our curriculum

Three extra credits in Professional Electives including a mandatory workshop CD 189 on Culturally Effective Substance Abuse Counseling.

Adequacy of Current Faculty:

The program does not require any additional faculty.

Accreditation Status:

Dawson Community College recently completed an evaluation by North-West. There were no deficiencies reported in the CD program.

Assessment Plan:

The progress of graduates is tracked. Course content is modified dependent upon feedback from graduates who are LACs and recent interns. The current Advisory Board is also instrumental in assessing the program. Should the requested change be granted, there will remain at least informal contacts with Advisory Board members as they are professional members of the community. In addition, students provide official and informal feedback for each class.

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In support of our request for the change to our Chemical Dependency Counseling degree I am forwarding the following information regarding Ms. Cynthia Reichenbach:

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8.11.105 COMMERCE**8.11.105 NON-RESIDENT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR SERVICES** (1)

Non-resident consulting chemical dependency counselor services defined in [37-35-201](#), MCA, may be rendered to individuals, groups, corporations or the public for compensation or fee.

(2) To provide such services and engage in such activities in the state of Montana, a chemical dependency counselor duly licensed in the state of the counselor's residence shall file with the program a completed and notarized form provided by the program, stating the nature, location and duration of such services that exceed 10 days within any calendar year.

(3) A letter verifying termination of said services shall be filed with the program at the time of termination. (History: Sec. [37-35-103](#), MCA; IMP, Sec. [37-35-201](#), MCA; NEW, 1998 MAR p. 1408, Eff. 5/29/98.)

8.11.106 EDUCATION REQUIREMENT (1) Applicants for counselor certification must

meet one of the following three education requirements, and must provide information regarding the chemical dependency treatment setting in which the 1000 hours

supervised chemical dependency counseling experience will be completed, as well as the name of the certified counselor approved to supervise chemical dependency

counseling experience. Applicants must provide certified transcripts or certificates of completion as proof of successful completion of one of the following education programs:

(a) a baccalaureate degree in alcohol and drug studies, psychology, social work, counseling or a related field from an accredited college or university; or

(b) an associate of arts or applied science degree in alcohol and drug studies, chemical dependency or substance abuse from an accredited college or university; or

(c) graduation from a formal chemical dependency counselor training program which is at least one year in duration and has been approved by the department or recognized under the laws of another state. The formal training program must include 400 hours of classroom preparation and 1600 hours of documented clinical training. Applicants must submit a certificate of graduation with application, as well as a description of the curriculum and training provided.

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(2) All education requirements must include 270 contact hours of specific chemical dependency or counseling courses. These are contact hours that may be obtained through academic course work, approved workshop training or approved home study courses. The 270 hours must include minimum hours in each of the following areas:

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| (a) chemical dependency assessment and hours patient placement (must include chemical dependency assessment, biopsychosocial testing, diagnosis, referrals and patient placement); | 30 |
| (b) counseling; | 45 hours |
| (c) pharmacology (must include drug classification, effects, detoxification and withdrawal); | 12 hours |
| (d) ethics (ethics for addiction counselors); | 6 hours |
| (e) alcohol and drug studies; | 30 hours |
| (f) treatment planning and documentation | 15 hours |
| (g) multi-cultural competency – knowledge of and sensitive to the cultural factors and needs of diverse populations and demonstrate competency in applying culturally relevant skills. (History: Sec. 37-35-103 , MCA; IMP , Sec. 37-35-202 , MCA; NEW , 1998 MAR p. 1408, Eff. 5/29/98; AMD , 2000 MAR p. 2963, Eff. 10/27/00.) | 12 hours |

[8.11.107](#) REQUIRED SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE (1) Six months (1000 hours) of supervised chemical dependency counseling experience in an approved chemical dependency treatment setting is required for certification. The supervised experience may be gained through paid work experience, academic internship hours or unpaid volunteer work if the applicant is supervised by a Montana certified chemical dependency counselor in an approved treatment setting. The counseling experience must be completed in not more than two different treatment settings. (Internship hours earned through an academic chemical dependency field placement program are not included in the limit of two treatment settings.)

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Licensure requirements -- examination -- fees.

<http://data.opi.state.mt.us/bills/mca/37/35/37-35-202.1>

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37-35-202. Licensure requirements -- examination -- fees. (1) To be eligible for licensure as a licensed addiction counselor, the applicant shall submit an application fee in an amount established by the department by rule and a written application on a form provided by the department that demonstrates that the applicant has completed the eligibility requirements and competency standards as defined by department rule.

(2) A person may apply for licensure as a licensed addiction counselor if the person has:

(a) received a baccalaureate degree in alcohol and drug studies, psychology, sociology, social work, counseling, or a related field from an accredited college or university; or

(b) received an associate of arts degree in alcohol and drug studies, addiction, or substance abuse from an accredited institution.

(3) Prior to becoming eligible to begin the examination process, each person shall complete supervised work experience in an addiction treatment program as defined by the department, in an internship approved by the department, or in a similar program recognized under the laws of another state.

(4) Each applicant shall successfully complete a competency examination process as defined by rules adopted by the department.

(5) A person holding a license to practice as a licensed addiction counselor in this state may use the title "licensed addiction counselor".

History: En. Sec. 5, Ch. 507, L. 1997; amd. Secs. 9, 10, Ch. 23, L. 2001.

Provided by Montana Legislative Services

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
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February 9, 2004

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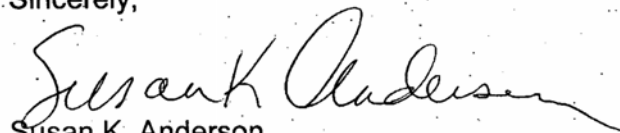
Re: Chemical Dependency Program changes

Dear Ken:

I am responding to your letter dated February 2, 2004. I feel it is imperative regardless of what the state requires as far as Bachelors Degree (vs) Associates Degree that we make it easier for the DCC students to transfer credits. I know in the domestic violence field there is a current push to up certification/educational standards. This does pose a problem in the east, with a limited pool of degreed individuals. However, as part of the Advisory Board I approve the proposed changes that you outlined in the letter. I would recommend that you procede to change the status of the program from an Associate of Applied Science in Human Services and/or Chemical Dependency to an Associate of Arts transfer degree.

Ken, if you should have any questions feel free to give me a call at (406)377-6477 or e-mail me at dcdv@midrivers.com. Thank you for all your work in this area.

Sincerely,



Susan K. Anderson
Executive Director

Ken Korpi

From: Reichenbach, Cynthia [creichenbach@state.mt.us]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2004 3:36 PM
To: Ken Korpi
Subject: RE: Questions

#1. No, an undesignated AA degree won't work Ken. According to statute and rule the AA has to be in Chemical Dependency/Addiction.

#2 Yes, I would be happy to come and chat with your class, April?, May?

#3. I'm working on the training now so will need to get back to you on it. The date however will be around April
Talk soon
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Korpi [mailto:Korpi@dawson.cc.mt.us]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2004 3:20 PM
To: Reichenbach, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Questions

Hi Cynthia,

I have three items I need to clear with you regarding the CD program here at DCC:

1: I am preparing to go through appropriate channels at DCC to change the Chemical Dependency program from the AA status to an AA or an AS (Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science)> The AA and AS are transferable to other institutions so students may pursue the Bachelor's degree.

My questions is: The AA and AS are not designated in any area (IE no AA in Chemical Dependency; just a straight A ALL the CD classes are on the transcript). As I read ARM such degrees are acceptable. Can you verify this? Will accept the AA or AS degree as long as all the required CD classes are on their transcripts?

2: I have another large CD class. Would you like to arrange a visit this spring? Many of them will graduate in want to become interns.

3: During the fall MAADAC conference, you let me know that there is to be an Oral Exam training in Helena and tha could attend. Do you know the dates and how many CEU's I could earn?

Thank you. Have a great day.

Ken Korpi, DCC.