

# Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies

# College of Health & Human Services

## Addiction Affects Us All

Addiction injures the addict, the people closest to him/her, and hurts the rest of us through its impact on healthcare, law enforcement and occupational and educational arenas.

## Leaders Needed Now

We know one thing for certain — treatment works. Treatment programs need professionals who understand addictions and how to empower individuals to overcome them.

## The MHS in Addictions Studies

The Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies degree program prepares leaders in addictions prevention and treatment. The curriculum emphasizes state-of-the-art evidence-based approaches to addictions, giving you the skills and background you need to meet the changing needs of clients and their communities.

## Take Courses at Your Convenience

The master degree program can be completed in several formats that are convenient for the adult learner. Take fully in-class sessions and well as hybrid courses in which 50% of the coursework is completed online, or complete the entire program fully online.

## Multicultural Perspective

The program has a strong underpinning in cultural understanding and sensitivity, giving you the ability to appreciate and respond to cultural and community influences on addictions and recovery.

## Comprehensive Curriculum

The program is comprehensive, including pharmacology, prevention, counseling and group techniques. We lay the foundations for translating research into practice. We integrate that knowledge into a thorough investigation of treatment programs, from planning to management. Internships complete the program and provide opportunities for students to apply what they have learned.

## Learn More!

Take the next step. Visit [www.govst.edu/chhs/das/mhs](http://www.govst.edu/chhs/das/mhs), or email Debra Sbalchiero at [dsbalchiero@govst.edu](mailto:dsbalchiero@govst.edu) for additional information.

If interested in completing the program fully online, contact Shavron Henry at [shenry1@govst.edu](mailto:shenry1@govst.edu) for additional information.

*The MHS in Addictions Studies program is accredited by the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association (IAODAPCA) and satisfies the academic requirements toward the Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) professional credential.*

## FACT

One in four Americans will have an alcohol or drug problem at some point in their lives. Almost a quarter of a trillion dollars of the nation's yearly healthcare costs are attributable to substance abuse and addiction.

(Source: *The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, 2011.*)



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## Special Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:

-  Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher for all undergraduate courses; and
-  Have completed the following course work or their equivalent\*\*: six hours of study in the behavioral sciences (three hours must be in an introductory psychology course and the additional three hours in psychology, sociology, social work or anthropology); six hours of biological sciences or chemistry; and a statistics or research methods course; PREREQUISITES: nine credit hours of addiction-related course work, including three credits in multicultural perspective (may be completed after admission to the program).

\*\*Applicants must provide documentation of equivalent course work to the advisor.

## Recommended Preparation

An undergraduate major in one of the following fields is recommended: behavioral sciences, social work or allied health disciplines. An undergraduate minor in addictions studies is suggested.

## Degree Requirements

Credit hours earned in Addictions Studies professional development courses cannot be applied toward degree requirements.

**Students must meet all university requirements for a master's degree.**

### Required Courses (29 Hours)

**ADD 6100** Psychopharmacology (3)

**ADD 6500** Planning, Managing and Evaluating Substance Abuse Programs (3)

**ADD 6600** Substance Abuse Prevention (3)

**ADD 6900** Etiology and Epidemiology of Substance Abuse (3)

**ADD 7200** Substance Abuse Counseling (3)

**ADD 7400** Group Techniques (3)

**ADD 7500** Clinical Models of Addiction (3)

**ADD 7600** Treating Coexisting Disorders (3)  
or

**ADD 8200** Seminar in Substance Abuse (3)

**ADD 8300** Comprehensive Examination (1)

**ADD 8800** Internship (4)

### Career Selectives (3 Hours)

In consultation with advisor, select three hours from the courses that are appropriate to the student's career or educational goals.

**Total — 32 Hours**

