

GUIDED PATHWAY: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING A.A.S.

LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Substance Abuse Counseling webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/SubAbuseCounseling) [www.dcccd.edu/SubAbuseCounseling] and your academic advisor at the Eastfield Campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Substance Abuse Counseling. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Substance Abuse Counseling. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

The A.A.S. degree is designed to prepare qualified and competent graduates to enter the field of human services and to provide specialized services to individuals and their families who are experiencing the effects of substance abuse. Completers of the program will have the necessary educational requirements to become eligible for testing and licensure as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC). Courses that complete the Degree also complete the [Mental Health/Substance Abuse Prevention](#) (MH) Certificate and [Substance Abuse Counseling](#) (SC) Certificate and are noted below.

Visit www.ntxccc.org/pathways to view guided pathways created for students who complete an A.A.S. degree and the options for transfer. Speak with an academic advisor at your campus to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Associate of Applied Science	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	Must be Complete	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1 Total Hours: 15

- [SCWK 1321](#) – Orientation to Social Services (*Course also applies to SC*)
- [SCWK 2311](#) – Interviewing and Counseling Theories (*Course also applies to SC*)
- [DAAC 1304](#) – Pharmacology of Addiction (*Course also applies to MH, and SC*)
- [PSYC 2301](#) – General Psychology *This is a Core course.*
- [ENGL 1301](#) – Composition I *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of "C" or higher.*

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.

SEMESTER 2 Total Hours: 15

- [SOCI 2340](#) – Drug Use and Abuse (*Course also applies to SC*)
- [SCWK 2301](#) – Assessment and Case Management (*Course also applies to MH, and SC*)
- [SPCH 1311](#) – Introduction to Speech Communication *This is a Core course.*
- [DAAC 2330](#) – Multicultural Counseling (*Course also applies to SC*)
- [SCWK 1305](#) – Group Work Intervention (*Course also applies to SC*)

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit and confirm or update your academic/career path.

SEMESTER 3**Total Hours: 15**

[DAAC 2341](#) – Counseling Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions (*Course also applies to SC*)

[DAAC 2307](#) – Addicted Family Intervention (*Course also applies to MH, and SC*)

[SCWK 2305](#) – Special Problems of Youth (*Course also applies to MH*)

[SCWK 2331](#) – Abnormal Behavior (*Course also applies to MH*)

[DAAC 1309](#) – Assessment of Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders (*Course also applies to SC*)

SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with faculty or a career advisor regarding placement for the Practicum course.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.

SEMESTER 4**Total Hours: 15**

SOCIAL WORK DESIGNATED ELECTIVE* (*Course also applies to MH*)

[SOCI 1301](#) – Introduction to Sociology

[DAAC 2366](#) – Practicum (or Field Experience)-Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling (*Course also applies to SC*)

[BIOL 1322](#) – Nutrition and Diet Therapy *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of "C" or higher.*

[HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS ELECTIVE](#) ** *This is a Core course.*

* Social Work Designated Elective must be selected from one of the following: CRIJ 1307, DAAC 1391, SCWK 1313, SCWK 2307. NOTE: DAAC 1391 is required for the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Prevention Certificate.

** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

SEMESTER 4 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to apply for the Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Prevention Certificate, and Substance Abuse Counseling A.A.S.
2. Sign up for Commencement
3. Join the [Alumni Network!](#)

PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS