

Atlantic Cape Community College

**The CADC and Atlantic Cape's Addiction Counseling Specialist Series**

[The CADC \(Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor\)](#) is a state sanctioned certification administered by Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Consumer Affairs. Atlantic Cape provides coursework that has been approved for the CADC by [the Addictions Professional Certification Board of NJ](#). You will want to know that the CADC itself has several overall requirements. First, you must complete 270 hours (clock hours) of approved addiction counseling educational courses. Second, there is an experience requirement that mainly consists of 3000 hours of related work experience in the field. (Note: people often work in the field while working toward their CADC.) Third, there is a requirement to attend a number of different types of self-help meetings, such as AA, NA, and Al-Anon. And fourth, you will need to take and pass an oral and written exam. When you have done all of these, with a few small additional requirements, you can obtain certification as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

Atlantic Cape's Addiction Counseling Specialist Series provides the 270 hours of addiction counseling educational courses that have been approved by the Board. When you successfully complete all six courses in the series, you will have completed all the educational course requirements for the CADC. Moreover, since these are also college courses, you will be earning college credit (18 college credit hours) at the same time.

The six courses in the series for meeting all of the CADC educational course requirements are as follows:

- HSRV116 – Social Agency Skills and Processes – covers Domain II, C201 and C202
- HSRV141 – Assessment Skills in Addiction Counseling – covers Domain I
- HSRV142 – Counseling Skills in Addiction Counseling – covers Domain II, C203-C209
- HSRV143 – Casemanagement with Addicted Populations- covers Domain III
- HSRV144 – Client Education with Addicted Populations – covers Domain IV
- HSRV145 – Professional Issues in Addiction Counseling – covers Domain V

Two of the courses have prerequisites within the series. To take HSRV142, you need to successfully complete HSRV116, and in order to take HSRV144 you will need to successfully complete HSRV141. This means that you will probably want to consider taking HSRV116 and HSRV141 as your first courses. Both HSRV116 and HSRV141 are offered both in the Fall and Spring semesters while the other courses (HSRV 142, 143, 144, and 145) are offered once a year. (Currently HSRV142 and HSRV144 run in the Fall and HSRV143 and HSRV145 run in the Spring.) Each course requires you to attend class one night a week, from 7-9:45pm except that HSRV116 runs in the afternoon (2-4:45pm) during the Fall semester while conforming to the evening time frame in the Spring. Each semester and course lasts 16 weeks. (Note: additional sections of HSRV116 are sometimes offered at either the Atlantic City or Cape May County campuses.)

In addition to attending class, the classes require successful completion of outside assignments, tests, etc. as is normal for a college level class. We advise that students possess at least a high school level of reading and writing proficiency. If there are any

questions or concerns, you should consider taking the accuplacer test given by the college. See the college catalogue for more information.

For information about admissions and registration, you can contact the college at (609)343-4900 or on the Internet at <http://www.atlantic.edu>. For additional information about the program, contact Donna Marie McElroy by email at [dmcelroy@atlanticcape.edu](mailto:dmcelroy@atlanticcape.edu), or by phone at (609) 343-5677.