

# HUMAN SERVICES AAS: SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING TRACK



A Program Overview of the Public Safety & Human/Consumer Services Area of Study

Updated as of May 2018



## Programs At-A-Glance

### Human Services AAS: Substance Abuse Counseling Track

Available at LSC-Montgomery

[LoneStar.edu/Human-Services-AAS-Substance-Abuse-Counseling](http://LoneStar.edu/Human-Services-AAS-Substance-Abuse-Counseling)

**Median Wage:** \$37,024

### Basic Chemical Dependency Counselor Certificate

Available at LSC-Montgomery

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The Human Services program offers two degrees within its substance abuse counseling concentration. The Basic Chemical Dependency Counseling Certificate (Certificate 1) provides the foundational knowledge and skills related to the substance abuse counseling field. The certificate, which also includes the state-mandated 300 hour field practicum, allows graduates to apply with the state of Texas to become Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LSCD) Interns. LCDC Interns are permitted to begin working in the substance abuse counseling field in entry-level positions. Completing the second degree offered within this concentration, the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, places graduates on the path to become fully licensed as LCDCs once they have completed all of their Intern requirements.

Human service professionals are motivated by helping others. Effective professionals are patient, have empathy and compassion for others, and enjoy giving of themselves and working with others. Human service professionals should also be able to manage their time well and possess effective communication skills. Because of the nature of the work in this field, professionals should be mature, stable and dependable.

Many graduates work one-on-one with clients in direct care positions, while others work behind the scenes or in administrative or management positions. Human service professionals work in government- or state-funded agencies, in non-profit agencies, in residential treatment programs and hospitals, and in private offices or agencies.

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<sup>1</sup>Wage Data is based on annual salaries from Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2016, [www.bls.gov/oes](http://www.bls.gov/oes).

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**Certificate I**  
22 Credits

Orientation to Social Services  
Counseling Theories  
Basic Counseling Skills  
Pharmacology of Addiction  
Dynamics of Group Counseling  
Counsel Alcohol & Drug Addictions  
Clinical - Alcohol/Drug Counseling

**AAS Degree**  
60 Credits

Family Intervention Strategies  
Abnormal Behavior  
CMSW, DAAC, GERS Electives (4)  
Composition and Rhetoric I  
General Psychology  
Principles of Sociology  
Any One Credit Hour Physical Activity Course  
Natural Science  
Introduction to Computers  
Federal Government OR  
Texas Government  
Public Speaking OR Interpersonal Communication  
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective

**Corporate College**

Professional development opportunities are available for additional training and licensure.

Representative career titles and job positions for this program plan include:

- **Chemical Dependency Counselor (CD Counselor)**
- **Substance Abuse Counselor<sup>2</sup>**

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<sup>2</sup>Position titles vary by employer and location.

**Complete your Human Services AAS: Substance Abuse Counseling Track in 2 years!**

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