

Program Overview

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.



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Addiction Studies Certificate

The number of citizens affected by substance use disorder is in the millions and Ohio is severely affected. The Addiction Studies Certificate program prepares individuals to work in an entry-level position in many community health programs. Coursework includes training in how to assist individuals and families with a variety of issues arising from addiction problems.

The opioid crisis is overwhelming our communities and those agencies providing services. A more qualified employee at all levels of these organizations would be highly desirable.

The Addiction Studies Certificate is set up to auto-award a certificate on the Human Services AAS track for those students choosing the Chemical Dependency II elective course. This certificate option is available to any COTC student from other disciplines that interact with substance abuse clients or related addiction issues.

Students seeking the Addiction Studies Certificate may also be interested in pursuing an Associate of Arts degree with a focus in Social Work, Criminal Justice, or Psychology.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the certificate the student will have:

- A comprehensive understanding of the field of addiction, including its diagnosis and treatment.
- Enhanced ability to communicate with and interact with those affected by addiction.
- Awareness of culturally relevant prevention and education initiatives.

Important Student Characteristics

- Good verbal and communication skills
- Good reading skills
- Good time management skills
- Sense of self-responsibility
- Recognition of the importance of teamwork, consideration and cooperation

Career Opportunities

Students completing the two Human Services chemical dependency courses or this full certificate option are eligible to take the CDCA certification for credentialing as an Ohio Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant. <http://ocdp.ohio.gov>.

Graduates are prepared to work in a variety of entry-level positions in the addiction/substance abuse field to help meet ever-increasing needs for addiction counselors in Ohio.

- Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (must meet Ohio licensing requirements)
- Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II (must meet Ohio licensing requirements)
- Addiction Counselor
- Caseworker
- Mental Health Aid
- Probation Assistant

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for addiction/substance abuse counselors is expected to increase by 31 percent through 2022. Starting salary is projected at \$21,000—24,000 annually.

How do I Start?

New students can complete the **free** online application for admission at cotc.edu/apply. Current or returning students can contact The Gateway at any of our four campus locations for your next steps.

The Gateway:

Newark Campus	740.366.9222 800.963.9275
Coshocton Campus	740.622.1408
Knox Campus	740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus	740.755.7090

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COTC Admissions:

cotcadmissions@cotc.edu

COTC Academic Advising:

cotcadvising@cotc.edu

Accreditation/ Membership

Chemical Dep. I & II meet the OCDP education requirements for Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant.

The Human Services program is accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Services Education.



Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. Phone: 312.263.0456 hlcommission.org

See reverse side for more information.

COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Central Ohio Technical College is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for all. The college is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as matter of law. Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission and employment. General information, questions, concerns or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator Holly Mason, Warner Center, Suite 236, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator Connie Zang at the same location.



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