



WAYNE STATE School of Social Work

Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies (CADAS)

The CADAS program is open to individuals with a graduate degree from an accredited educational institution or students currently pursuing a graduate degree (master's or Ph.D.) at Wayne State University

Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies (CADAS) provides advanced students with an interdisciplinary learning experience that examines biological, psychological, social, cultural, and public health perspectives on substance use. The program is designed for graduate students and professionals currently working in social work, nursing, public health, education, criminal justice, and related fields who need specialized training on substance use and addictions. Adding the CADAS certificate to existing educational and work experience is likely to enhance an individual's career opportunities. For students interested in becoming a certified alcohol and drug counselor or prevention specialist, the CADAS coursework will help meet the education requirements of the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals.

Program Goals

Completion of the program will develop and enhance knowledge of substance use and addiction, including:

- Effects of Drug and Alcohol on Social Functioning
- Mental Health and Substance Use
- Biopsychosocial Components of Substance Use and Addiction
- Interpersonal Practice in Substance Abuse
- Health Disparities and Substance Use
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Addiction

For admission into the CADAS Program, applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 (undergraduate and graduate combined on a 4.0 scale).

Admissions Procedures:

Students currently or previously enrolled in a graduate program from Wayne State University can apply through the School of Social Work:

<https://forms.wayne.edu/56b2462d642b0/>

Applicants who are not alumni or currently enrolled in a WSU graduate program must apply through the Graduate School:

<http://gradapply.wayne.edu>

All applicants are evaluated based on their educational background, commitment to the field of substance use and addictions, professional and volunteer experience, professional references, and writing skills. Admissions decisions are made by the Coordinator of the CADAS program, the Program Advisor, and/or the Associate Dean of Wayne State University School of Social Work. CADAS faculty may also be included in admissions decision.

Student Academic Progress Guidelines

To be awarded a Graduate Certificate, a student must follow the Graduate School Bulletin's Academic Progress Guidelines and the School of Social Work policies. The School of Social Work's policy on Academic Termination and Reinstatement stipulates that a student will be terminated from the Graduate Certificate Program if one or more of the following occur:

1. Receipt of "B-" grades and below in three (3) courses;
2. Receipt of one (1) grade of "F" in a CADAS course;
3. The student receives a mark of "WN", "WP", or "WF" in a Course in a CADAS course without approval of the assigned Advisor or Program Coordinator;
4. Grade point average below 3.0.

The University's Graduate School Bulletin requires that: **"a Graduate Certificate program must be completed within three years, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in certificate courses must be maintained, and only nine semester credits of certificate course work may be applied toward a graduate degree."**

http://bulletins.wayne.edu/gbk-output/gen_gbk/Degree_and_Certificate_Requirements_Graduate.htm

The University's Graduate Student Academic Progress Guidelines further stipulate that **"a student must maintain at least a 3.0 Grade Point**

Average...Students with GPAs below 3.0 are placed on probation systemically and automatically have a hold placed on their registration...If the student does not meet expectations, the program should notify the student of his/her dismissal in writing.”

(<http://gradschool.wayne.edu/procedures/academic-guidelines.php>)

- A complete CADAS application will include the following:
 1. The CADAS Program Application Form
 2. The Statement of Professional Goals form describing the applicant’s career goals and professional interest in substance misuse.
 3. A current resume (not to exceed two pages)
 4. Two letters of references from individuals who can speak to the applicant’s interest and ability to work with in the substance misuse field. For current students, at least one letter should be from an academic reference. Family, close friends, personal counselors or therapists are not appropriate references.
 5. Wayne State graduates can submit unofficial undergraduate or graduate transcripts. (*Official transcripts are needed by Non-Wayne State graduates. Please see section B below.*)

- Completed application packet including all of the information below should be submitted to:

CADAS Program Advisor
School of Social Work, Wayne State University
5447 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

- Students admitted into the CADAS program need to meet with the Program Advisor to develop their Plan of Work. The Program Advisor will contact students to schedule the meeting once they have been accepted into the program.

B. Applicants who are not Wayne State University graduate students must submit an application for admission to the Graduate School to apply for CADAS.

- Wayne State University requires all Graduate School applications to be submitted online at <http://gradapply.wayne.edu>
- Pay the \$50 non-refundable application fee

- A complete CADAS application will include the following:

1. A Completed Graduate Admissions Application Form (online at <http://gradapply.wayne.edu>) including the Statement of Professional Goals form describing the applicant's career goals and professional interest in substance misuse.
2. A current resume (not to exceed two pages)
6. Two letters of references from individuals who can speak to the applicant's interest and ability to work with in the substance misuse field. For current students, at least one letter should be from an academic reference. Family, close friends, personal counselors or therapists are not appropriate references.
3. **Official transcripts from ALL previous colleges or universities attended must be sent directly from the institutions to the WSU Office of Graduate Admissions at the address below:**

Office of Graduate Admissions Wayne State University
5057 Woodward
Suite 6000
Detroit, MI 48202

Applications are accepted throughout the year and students may begin the program in any term. In order to ensure that the application is processed in time for the term in which the applicant wants to begin the program, applications should be submitted by the following dates:

Application Priority Deadlines

October 15: For students starting in the Winter Term: October 15

For students starting in the Spring/Summer term: January 15

For students starting in the Fall Term: March 15

Please contact the CADAS program advisor at cadas_cert@lists.wayne.edu or at 313-577-4409 with any questions about the program or the application process.

CADAS Certificate Requirements

To earn the Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies, students must successfully complete 12 credits of approved courses (see course list). Students with the Program Advisor to develop their Plan of Work based on the student's background, major areas of concentration, and career goals.

The program must be completed within three years. Most students enroll in one or two courses per term. Courses are offered by departments throughout the university and typically are offered at various times during the day and evening. Most courses are offered at least once per year. Up to nine of the 12 credits may be applied to both the Certificate and the graduate degree, subject to approval of the relevant academic department and the graduate school.

Graduation Requirements

All coursework must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School and the School of Social Work. For students that have already completed a graduate degree, the certificate is awarded when they have met all certificate requirements. For students earning the certificate concurrently with a Wayne State University graduate degree, the certificate is awarded when all requirements of the certificate and the degree have been met.



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Work Plans require 12 credits selected from courses listed below
Note: Foundation course must be completed before taking Advanced
and Biopsychosocial courses

Category Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	When Course is Offered*
1. Foundation Courses Select ONE of the following foundation courses			
Social Work SW6540	Effects of Drug and Alcohol on Social Functioning	3 credits	Fall, Winter, Spring
Health Education HE5440	Mental Health and Substance Abuse	3 credits	Fall, Winter
2. Advanced Courses Select TWO of the following advanced courses			
Social Work SW8690	Interpersonal Practice in Substance Abuse	3 credits	Fall, Winter
Social Work SW7150	Health Disparities and Substance Use	3 credits	Spring/ Summer
Social Work SW7990	Directed Study	3 credits	Arranged
3. Biopsychosocial Courses Select ONE out of the following biopsychosocial courses			
Pharmaceutical Sciences PSC5600	Current Topics in Drug Abuse	3 credits	Winter
Social Work SW7140	Biopsychosocial Components of Substance Use and Addiction	3 credits	Winter
Pharmacology PHC6500	Drugs and the Addictive Process	3 credits	Fall

****The schedule for CADAS course offerings may vary. Please check with the CADAS office to verify current and future course offerings****