



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 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 in social work, nursing, public health, education, criminal justice, and related fields who need specialized training on substance use and addiction. Adding the CADAS certificate to existing educational and work experience will likely enhance an individual's career opportunities. In addition, for students interested in becoming a certified alcohol and drug counselor or prevention specialist, the CADAS coursework can 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 Use
- 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:

[Request for Graduate Certificate - Wayne State University](#)

Applicants who are not alumni or currently enrolled in a WSU graduate program must apply through the Graduate School: [Admissions - Graduate School - Wayne State University](#)

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

A. Completed CADAS application will include the following:

1. The CADAS Program Application Form
2. Wayne State graduates can submit unofficial undergraduate or graduate transcripts. *(Official transcripts are needed by Non-Wayne State graduates. Please see section B below.)*

- 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 [Admissions - Graduate School - Wayne State University](#)
- Pay the \$50 non-refundable application fee
- A complete CADAS application will include the following:
 1. A Completed Graduate Admissions Application, which includes a brief Statement of Professional Goals describing the applicant's career goals and professional interest in substance use.

- **Official transcripts from ALL previous colleges or universities attended must be sent directly from the institutions to the WSU Office of Graduate Admissions** [Admissions - Graduate School - Wayne State University](#)

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, applicants should meet with the academic advisor.

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 CADAS course without the 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."** [Graduate Degree and Certificate Requirements < Wayne State](#)

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." ([Academic Regulations < Wayne State](#))

Please reach out to the CADAS program advisor at 313-577-4409 with any questions about the program or application process.

CADAS Certificate Requirements

To earn the Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies, students must complete 12 credits of approved courses ([see course list](#)).

Students meet with the Certificate Advisor to develop their Plan of Work based on their background, areas of concentration, and career goals.

Students must complete the program within three years. Most students enroll in one or two CADAS courses per term. The School of Social Work and other departments typically offer classes at various times during the day and evening. Most courses are offered at least once per year. With the approval of the relevant academic department and the graduate school, students may apply nine of the 12 CADAS credits to both the certificate and the graduate degree, subject to

Graduation Requirements

All coursework must be completed following the regulations of the Graduate School and the School of Social Work. For students that have already completed a graduate degree, the university awards the certificate when the student has met all certificate requirements. For students earning the certificate concurrently with a Wayne State University graduate degree, the university awards the certificate when all certificate and the degree requirements have been met.



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Work Plans require 12 credits selected from the 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, |
| Health Education HE6320 | 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 | 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 advisor to verify current and future course offerings****