



## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SUBSTANCE USE COUNSELING**

### **GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

The Graduate Certificate in Substance Use Counseling is designed for enrolled UGA graduate students who have aspirations of working in substance use counseling. The program is supported by a faculty of scholars, practitioners and part-time faculty who are leaders in substance use counseling.

#### **PROGRAM OF STUDY**

The program consists of a minimum of **4 graduate level courses of 3 semester hours each**, drawn from courses in the Masters in Social Work degree curriculum.

**1. Three courses are required:**

<b>SOWK 7120</b>	<b>Overview of Substance Use</b>
<b>SOWK 7220</b>	<b>Approaches to Substance Use Treatment</b>
<b>SOWK 7240 or 7140</b>	<b>Assessment and Treatment of Trauma or Introduction to Trauma and Trauma Informed Care</b>

**2. One comprehensive course in working with groups is also required**

- Within the school of social work, this course is **SOWK 7116 (Social work with groups, 3 credits)**.
- Non-MSW degree seeking students may take a comprehensive course in working with groups within another department, so long as the certificate program coordinator approves the course.  
*These are the program's catchall course numbers. Although the course number is the same, the course title and instructor will vary from section and semester.*

In some cases, one of the courses toward the Certificate may come from a different field if the relationship to substance use is clear. The student must discuss this option with the program office before taking the course.

#### **HOW TO APPLY TO FOR ADMISSION TO THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

- Fill out the Application for Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Substance Use Counseling format this link: <https://forms.gle/BZb9GwRpzJAV9EtJ8>
- Once approved, the program office will inform the registrar of your intent and the Certificate will be added to your transcript. You will also be added to the Substance Use Certificate Listserv and sent an email containing information about advising and registering for certificate courses.

#### **HOW TO APPLY TO GRADUATE FROM THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Please complete the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/6nht7Mb7ESdakZ8V8>

Once received, the program office will notify the registrar of your completion so that completion of the certificate can be added to your record.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact [sucertificate@uga.edu](mailto:sucertificate@uga.edu) or call 706-542-5422.