

# SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

<https://chhs.unh.edu/social-work/program/graduate-certificate/substance-use-disorders-online>

## Description

### About the Program

The Substance Use Disorders Graduate Certificate provides students with general and specific knowledge as well as skill building towards the development of this important practice specialty. Areas of study include: intake, assessment, treatment planning, case management, referral, crisis intervention, and the counseling of individuals, groups and families.

For additional information regarding the substance use disorder course requirements, contact our admissions team at [unh.socialwork@unh.edu](mailto:unh.socialwork@unh.edu).

### Who Should Apply?

- Graduate students attending the University of New Hampshire Durham, Manchester, or Online.
- Students from other disciplines and other universities, and non-matriculated students.
- Students placed in a substance use disorders treatment program for their internship or practicum, and needing further knowledge and skills.
- Individuals pursuing continuing education units (CEU) for a variety of state licenses.
- Social service workers from substance use disorder and co-occurring disorder treatment agencies, hospitals, schools, judicial/correctional facilities, military/veteran programs.
- Individuals interested in increasing their knowledge in substance use disorders and developing specialized practice skills.

### Contact Information

For additional information regarding the substance use disorder course requirements, contact our Substance Use Disorder certificate coordinator, Meredith Young. [meredith.young@unh.edu](mailto:meredith.young@unh.edu)

## Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

The Substance Use Disorders Graduate Certificate consists of 12 credit hours acquired through two required courses covering assessment, treatment and system theory and strengths perspectives of addiction and two other electives listed below.

Students are required to complete the following social work courses in no particular order:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SW 816	Addiction Assessment	3
SW 819	Addiction Treatment	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two courses from the following:		6
SW 817	Understanding Suicide	

SW 860	Research Methods in Social Work <sup>1</sup>
SW 870	Intimate Partner Violence
SW 871	Trauma-Informed Practice in School Settings
SW 897	Special Topics in Social Work and Social Welfare (Leadership in Child Welfare)
SW 897	Special Topics in Social Work and Social Welfare (Social Work and the Military)
SW 897	Special Topics in Social Work and Social Welfare (Forensic Mental Health)
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Total Credits	12

<sup>1</sup> Please note that if a student already completed SW 860 Research Methods in Social Work, that student will be allowed to substitute SW 965 Program and Practice Evaluation. For students taking a Research Methods course, their completion will be tracked through the Certificate Designation Form.

\* Other substance use disorder related electives may be considered with the approval from the certificate coordinator.