Substance Use Treatment Minor

Overview

What: The Minor in Substance Use Treatment (SUT) employs a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the biological, psychological, and social aspects of substance misuse, gambling, and related behaviors. Assessment and treatment methods are based on evidence-informed practices to enable students and future professionals to understand and treat individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Why: The courses prepare graduates for careers in substance use treatment and related fields.

How: To select this minor, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and complete the SUT Declaration Form. Students will also be required to complete a pre- and post-assessment of learning outcomes.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The educational objectives of the minor are to prepare students with a Minor in Substance Use Treatment that will enable them to:

• Identify, describe, compare, and evaluate theories and models of substance use, misuse, and addiction (SUT/SOCW 3315).
• Explain development across the lifespan so as to better understand substance use at different stages of development (SOCW 2302).
• Use empathy and other interpersonal skills toward developing a mutually agreed-on focus of work (SOCW 3309).
• Collect, organize, and interpret client data as part of the screening, assessment, and engagement processes toward developing a treatment plan for the client (SUT/SOCW 3318).
• Develop and implement a treatment plan (SUT/SOCW 3319 and SUT/SOCW 3321).

COURSE PLAN FOR THE 18-HOUR MINOR: 1, 2

SUT/SOCW 3315 Introduction to Substance Use Disorders
SOCW 2302 Lifespan Development
SOCW 3309 Interviewing Skills
SUT/SOCW 3318 Screening, Assessment, and Engagement
SUT/SOCW 3319 Treatment Planning, Collaboration, and Referral
SUT/SOCW 3321 Substance Use Treatment

Students are required to earn a C or better in all minor courses to earn the minor.

1 Students may receive credit for the below courses through completion of any combination of SUT 1350, SUT 2350, or SUT 4350 as approved by the Director of Undergraduate Programs in the School of Social Work.

2 If a student minoring in SUT that is not a SOCW major wants to pursue Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDCi) eligibility, they must add SUT 4951 Field (Crosslisted with SOCW 4951) as a general elective.