

ALCOHOL AND DRUG STUDIES - ADDICTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE - CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Studies at San José City College offers courses for probation, parole, and alcohol and drug counseling professionals who are monitoring addicted offenders. As a result of state prison overcrowding, increased funding has been made available to offer community addiction treatment for those under correctional supervision. In response, there has been a change in addiction treatment culture in Santa Clara County. Substance abuse and probation/parole professionals providing the supervision require cross-training. With changing laws regarding sentencing and release, reduced sentencing guidelines, and the Affordable Care Act further utilization of addiction treatment will be necessary to meet the needs of the criminal justice system.

The Addiction and Criminal Justice Certificate of Specialization provides insight into the criminal justice and recovery cultures, explains the overlap of addiction and criminality, explores the impact of co-occurring disorders, and outlines the criminal justice system and options for effective interventions with this challenging population.

All courses in the certificate must be completed at San José City College. A grade of "C" or better is required in each course. Completed courses will appear on student's transcripts. However, the Certificate of Specialization will only appear on documents obtained directly through the Alcohol and Drug Studies Department.

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Apply theories of criminal justice and addiction treatment in the development of effective supervision and treatment interventions.
- Identify resources to address the needs of offenders with co-occurring disorders.
- Evaluate the criminal justice process and sentencing alternatives as they apply to the offender in addiction treatment settings.

Certificate requirements

Course	Title	Credits
ADS 080	Addiction in the Criminal Justice Population	2
ADS 081	Criminal Justice Process for the Addicted Offender	2
ADS 082	Co-Occurring Disorders in the Addicted Offender Population	2
ADS 083	Treatment and Interventions for the Addicted Offender	2
Total Units		8