When are classes offered?
Courses are offered in the afternoon, evening, and online. Full-term, short-term, and online courses are available.

How long will it take to earn a degree or certificate?
Students generally take 4-6 terms to complete all of the courses required for the certificate of achievement, but you may take the courses at your own pace. A.S. degree requirements can generally be completed in two years of full-time study.

How much can I expect to earn once I complete the program?
Addiction workers earn anywhere from $20,000 - $45,000 per year, depending on the agency and their experience.

What if I want to learn more about addiction, but not earn a degree?
There is an 18-unit addiction studies certificate available that focuses in one area of addiction, treatment, and recovery. This certificate may be useful for teachers, human services personnel, or community service personnel who want to have a deeper understanding of the addiction process.

### Addiction Studies Certificate/Degree Program

**Addiction studies information:**
Biological and Health Sciences Division, 925-969-4231, or visit the college website: www.dvc.edu/programs

**Enrollment information:**
DVC website: www.dvc.edu
Admissions Office: 925-685-1310
Counseling Office: 925-969-2140

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Why consider the addiction studies program?

Those who work in the addictions field enjoy a challenging and rewarding career working with diverse communities and populations providing a greatly needed service to individuals and the community. While many students enter the program to earn a certificate or degree, many others are credentialed nurses, counselors, clergy, educators and other professionals wishing to update their skills or earn a specialization certificate in the area of alcohol and drug treatment.

What can I do with an addiction studies degree or certificate?

The addiction counseling studies program prepares students for a career as an:

• alcohol and drug abuse counselor,
• community services worker,
• substance abuse prevention/intervention specialist.

After completing the DVC degree/certificate program, a student may apply for state recognized professional credentials offered by the following organizations:

• California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC),
• California Association of Alcohol and Drug Educators (CAADE),
• California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources (CAARR).

“I loved all of my instructors. They are all truly dedicated to teaching and guiding the students through the material that at times can be difficult.” - Ron Ottobre