

Drug and Alcohol Counsellor

Program Locations:	Peterborough
Program Code:	DA
Co-ordinator:	Joe Ellis
Credential:	Ontario College Diploma
Start Dates:	September 04, 2012 - January 07, 2013
Tuition Fees:	\$1,864.70 per semester. Tuition and fees subject to change.



The Drug and Alcohol Counsellor program will teach you ethical principles, counselling techniques, and theory to meet client needs. Along the way, you'll learn more about yourself.

Program Highlights

During the first semester of your educational journey, you'll learn the fundamentals of the human experience and communities, such as interpersonal relationships, social behaviour, and aboriginal history and culture. First semester studies also include an introduction to the field of addictions.

Group process, addictions counselling, leadership skills, field and career orientation, social psychology and pharmacology will be your focus in second semester. Third semester courses focus on abnormal psychology, the legal and ethical aspects of counselling, group counselling, and the management of addictions. You will also explore advanced issues in addictions with a special emphasis on concurrent disorders and gambling. In your final semester, you will practice what you have learned in the previous three semesters in a relevant and rewarding province-wide field placement.

Success Stories

"My experience during this program was fantastic. It was worth every minute. My goal of making a career change into this field worked like a dream for me. When I graduated, I was prepared, because of what I learned at Fleming College. If I had a choice of any job, this is the one I would choose." **Rick Mayoh**

Trauma and Addictions Counsellor

Tungasuvvingat Inuit Mamisarvik Healing Centre, Ottawa

Why Choose Fleming

Fleming's Drug and Alcohol Counsellor program offers unique, broad-based training which enables graduates to work in areas that used to be available only to youth workers or social workers. When you graduate, you may choose to complete a four-year degree in the field through the University of Lethbridge.

Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative

Fleming College's Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative is an inclusive approach to providing more understanding of Aboriginal peoples, communities and nations. You will have an opportunity to take courses designed from an Aboriginal perspective with emphasis on Aboriginal peoples, history, spirituality and culture. See the Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative page for courses available in this program.

Work Experience

Take your classroom experience on the road -- and apply it to one of many field placement opportunities across the province in Semester 4. Agencies may require a current police records check available from your local police department upon payment of a fee. You may also be required to provide a current Standard First Aid Certificate, a current Basic CPR Certificate (level C) and Proof of Immunization.

Is this You?

To work in this field, you need:

- empathy toward people "on the fringe"
- crisis management skills
- the ability to work as part of a team
- emotional maturity

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities include work in withdrawal management and residential facilities, in shelters, and assessment and referral agencies, as a counsellor, case manager, therapist or relief staff. In particular, Aboriginal students are encouraged to consider this program, as First Nations communities are acknowledging a need for addictions counselling.

Minimum Admission Requirements

OSSD with the majority of credits at the College (C) and Open (O) level, including:

- 2 College (C) English courses (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

When (C) is the minimum course level for admission, (U) or (U/C) courses are also accepted.

Mature Students

If you are 19 years of age or older before classes start, and you do not possess an OSSD, you can write the Canadian Adult Achievement Test to assess your eligibility for admission.

*** Students starting in January are required to attend classes over the summer semester.**

Related Programs

Interested in other helping professions? You might also consider the Social Service Worker program.

Health Requirements

Immunization Requirements

This program has immunization requirements. For more information, and to print the required immunization form, please see the Immunization Information page.

Additional Costs

You should plan to spend approximately \$700 per year for books and supplies.

Transfer Agreements

We are committed to providing students and graduates with flexible options to get maximum recognition of their college studies. Through joint programs and transfer agreements with the following universities, you can apply the learning you acquire at Fleming College to earn a related degree in less time, and at less cost.

- University of Lethbridge
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Curriculum for Drug and Alcohol Counsellor

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
GNED 49	Aboriginal History and Culture	45
COMM 79	College Communications for the Helping Professions	37
COUN 55	Counselling Skills I	45
SOCI 25	Human Growth and Development	45
COUN 16	Introduction to Addictions	45
SOCI 36	Introduction to Psychology	45
COMP 345	Introductory Computing	45

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Hours
SOCI 1	Abnormal Psychology	45
COUN 81	Addiction and Families	45
COMM 146	Communicating at Work for the Helping Professions	45
COUN 83	Ethics and Professional Drug and Alcohol Practice	45
FLPL 61	Field Preparation I	30
COUN 82	Management and Assessment	45
COUN 25	Pharmacology Related to Addictions	60

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Hours
COUN 87	Advanced Addiction Methods	45
COUN 88	Applied Skills	30
COUN 84	Concurrent Disorders	45
COUN 86	DA Group Facilitation and Practice	45
FLPL 65	Field Preparation II	30
COUN 85	Trends in Addiction	45
GENED	General Education Elective	

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	Hours
FLPL 70	Field Work Experience	525

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