



PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2020 - 2021

Addictions Counselling Diploma

The purpose of this program planning guide is to help students track their progress within their chosen program. The information in this planning guide is accurate at the time of printing and is subject to change without notice. It is the students' responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their program and course choice. Students should use the program planning guide dated the year in which they began the program. This guide should be used in conjunction with the official version of the Medicine Hat College Calendar, and calendars of appropriate transfer institutions, which are the final authorities regarding program requirements.

Year One

FALL SEMESTER			WINTER SEMESTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
HLSC 200 (lec) <i>Intro to Addictions Studies</i> Prerequisite: Meets admission criteria into the Addictions Counselling Program			HLSC 220 (lec/lab) <i>Intro to Counselling</i> Prerequisite: HLSC 200, IDST 100 & PSYC 205 or permission of the Dean		
IDST 100 (lec/lab) <i>Intro Communications for Helping Professions</i>			HLSC 230 (lec) <i>Physiology and Processes of Addictions</i> Prerequisite: HLSC 200 or permission of the Dean		
PSYC 205 (lec) <i>Principles of Psychology</i>			SOCI 201 (lec) <i>Intro Sociology</i>		
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Year Two

FALL SEMESTER			WINTER SEMESTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
HLSC 320 (lec/lab) <i>Counselling II (Individuals and Groups)</i> Prerequisite: HLSC 220			HLSC 350 (lec/prac) <i>Internship in Addictions Counselling</i> Prerequisite: All first and second year courses		
HLSC 340 (lec/lab) <i>Assessment of Addictions</i> Prerequisite: HLSC 220 & HLSC 230					
HLSC 365 (lec) <i>Health Education and Promotion</i> Prerequisite: Admission into the Addictions Counselling Program					
Elective:					
One of: SOCI 203 (lec) <i>Current Social Issues</i> SOCI 325 (lec) <i>Deviant Group Behaviour</i> Prerequisite: Any 200 Sociology for SOCI 325					

Program Notes:

In addition to the specified course courses, students must also complete 5 additional university transfer courses prior to taking HLSC 350. Electives may be drawn from courses, which transfer to the University of Lethbridge as per the Alberta Transfer Guide (available at www.transferalberta.ca) and meet their Liberal Education Requirement. Contact your Academic Advisor for a list of appropriate elective selection.

Continuation Requirements: To be in good standing, you must:

- Maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Achieve a “C” or better in all first and second year courses including electives, prior to HLSC 350. All first and second year courses are prerequisites for HLSC 350.
- Pass both theoretical and clinical components of HLSC courses in order to receive credit in these courses. Should you fail the practical (lab) component of an Addictions Counselling course, you will not be allowed to register in further Addictions Counselling courses which include practical components.
- You are only permitted to repeat an HLSC course once.

Required Withdrawal

- If you are dismissed from the program for academic or practice reasons (see Academic Probation in the MHC Academic Calendar) you may reapply for readmissions after a lapse of a full year. If you are dismissed for a second time, you will not be readmitted.

Graduation Requirements

- You must complete all program requirements for first and second years with an overall GPA of 2.0 and no grade less than “C”.
- You are allowed four years to complete the Diploma, following the completion of the first addictions course.
- As a student in the Addictions Counselling Program you are expected to exercise responsible conduct that reflects favourably on you as a developing professional, the program, and Medicine Hat College.
- Questionable performance in relation to harming yourself or others and/or to the maintenance of the professional standards of the program may result in your being asked to leave the course/lab setting/internship placement at any time and you may receive a failing grade in the course. Should you be found to be in academic difficulty or should your professional suitability be of concern, you may be referred for remedial assistance or, in extreme cases, asked to withdraw from the program.
- If you have been absent from the program for one calendar year and are returning to complete a course, you will be required to successfully complete a comprehensive evaluation. Depending on the outcomes of the evaluation you may be required to successfully complete remediation in preparation to enter the practicum.

You should see your Academic Advisor or Program Coordinator if you:

- Choose to take courses in a different configuration than shown above.
- Drop or fail a course.
- Want to take a course in the spring semester or from another institution.