SCHOOL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The School offers 9 certificate program at the MSW level:

- Addictions
- Evidence Base Trauma Treatment
- Chance at Childhood
- Child Welfare
- Clinical Social Work with Families
- Combat Veterans
- Levande Program in Gerontology
- School Social Work
- Social Work in Health Care
Addictions Studies Certificate
Basic Information and FAQ

Addictions Coordinator: Alan Platt, JD, LMSW, CAADC
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Certificate Basics

- Certificate applications are due at the same time as Field applications. [Click here to go to form.]

- Each Certificate Program has an identified faculty leader for contact.

- Certificates include requirements for field and coursework.
Purposes of the Certificate

• To develop professional skill base for work in fields of substance abuse and mental health.
• To satisfy partial requirements for the Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC).
• To focus elective credits while in the MSW program.
  • To investigate a specific area of social work.
• Start earning credits toward certification.
Requirements for Certificate

- **SW 891** (2-credit, summer semester)  
  *Special Topics in Social Work*: Substance Use, Treatment, and Professional Competency

- **SW 876** (2-credit, spring semester)  
  *Substance Use, Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders*

- One additional course (2-3 credits) related to addictions, for example:
  - PHM 431 (3-credit) *Pharmacology of Drug Addiction* or
  - SW 891 (2-credit) *Special Topics in Social Work*: Early Intervention in Child Abuse and Neglect

- **Specialized Field Placement** related to addictions
Contact Information for the Certificate

• Alan Platt, JD, LMSW, CAADC: platta@msu.edu
• Academic Advisors help with MSW program plans.
  • Paul Dripchak, East Lansing: dripcha1@msu.edu
  • Kelly Fornwalt, Statewide Blended and Weekend: fornwalt@msu.edu
  • Erin Cavanaugh, Flint, Saginaw and Oakland: cavana73@msu.edu
• For more information on CAADC, contact: Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP).
• E-mail all applications to swgradoffice@ssc.msu.edu
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

• Do I need to have a Certificate to graduate?
  • No. They are optional.

• Does this Certificate provide actual certification?
  • No. The courses can lead toward CAADC, but the Addiction Certificate is not the equivalent.

• Can I do more than 1 certificate?
  • Yes. As long as the Certificate Coordinators agree, you meet with your field placement coordinator, academic advisor, and you can complete all the requirements for both Certificates.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Continued

• Does this Certificate require face to face classwork?
  • Yes. Review the details with the Certificate Coordinator.
• Will the Certificate show up on my transcript/diploma?
  • No. The Certificate is internal only.