



# Make A Difference...

## BECOME AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR

In as little as 2 years, you can prepare to help others find new direction in their lives and begin their road to recovery.

**Career options include:**

Inpatient Treatment Centers  
Recovery Homes

Outpatient Treatment Centers  
Halfway Houses

Hospitals  
Methadone Clinics

### ALCOHOL & DRUG STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The West Los Angeles College Department of Psychology offers an Alcohol and Drug Studies Certificate program that will prepare students with the necessary coursework to become an alcohol and drug counselor. Upon completion of the following courses, the student will qualify to take the written exam for the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Educators (CAADE). This is a 37 unit program with an Associate Degree option. Most of the classes are also eligible for credit transfers to the Cal State University campuses. Three courses transfer to both the Cal State (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses.

\* eligible for transfer to CSU \*\* eligible for transfer to UC/CSU

**Behavioral Foundation** **Total units**

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| ** Psych 1: General Psychology                         | 3        |
| ** Psych 14: Abnormal Psychology                       | 3        |
| ** Soc 1: Introduction to Sociology (WLAC requirement) | <u>3</u> |
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**Core Area**

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| * Psych 64: Introduction to Alcohol and Drug Abuse                                | 3        |
| * Psych 65: Chemical Dependency: Intervention, Treatment & Recovery               | 3        |
| * Psych 68: Biopsychology of Chemical Dependency<br><i>Prerequisite: Psych 64</i> | <u>3</u> |
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**Skills Area**

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| * Psych 37: Psychology of Codependency and Family Systems<br><i>Prerequisites: Psych 64 &amp; 65</i>     | 3         |
| * Psych 43: Principles of Group Dynamics   | 3         |
| * Psych 63: Alcohol / Drug Studies: Prevention & Education   | 3         |
| * Psych 67: Counseling Techniques for the Chemically Addicted<br><i>Prerequisites: Psych 64 &amp; 65</i> | <u>3</u>  |
|  | <b>12</b> |

**Field Studies**

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| <i>Prerequisites: Psych 63, 64, 65, 67</i>                         |           |
| Psych 84: Fieldwork I (must complete 125 internship hours)         | 3         |
| Psych 87: Fieldwork IA (to be taken in conjunction with Psych 84)  | .5        |
| Psych 85: Fieldwork II (must complete 125 internship hours)        | 3         |
| Psych 88: Fieldwork IIB (to be taken in conjunction with Psych 85) | <u>.5</u> |
|  | <b>7</b>  |

**Total units: 37**

West Los Angeles College, part of the California Community College system, has offered excellent career training and university transfer programs to the community for nearly 40 years.

West has small classes and a park-like setting. Tuition is an **affordable \$20 per unit**, and financial aid and fee waivers are available.

To enroll online or view the class schedule, visit:

[www.wlac.edu](http://www.wlac.edu)

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