

CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE PROGRAMS

- CERTIFICATE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING (CADC)
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Loyola's School of Social Work was founded in 1914. Throughout its history, the school has been dedicated to clinical social work and has prepared career-minded students through scholarship and developing direct practice skills.

Loyola offers professional development for social workers and other human service workers. Our certificate programs provide an opportunity for graduate-degreed professionals to advance their careers in specialized areas of practice.

ADVANCED ACCREDITED TRAINING PROGRAM CERTIFICATE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING (CADC)

This program prepares mental health professionals to become Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselors (CADC) in the state of Illinois. With this credential, you will be better equipped to serve clients with substance abuse issues. The program is certified by the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc. (IAODAPCA).

The program is ideal for social workers in child welfare, mental health, and health who are looking to expand their skill set and marketability.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The certificate offers part-time enrollment
Average time to completion: 1 calendar year

The program consists of three graduate-level courses (a foundational course on substance use treatment, an advanced clinical practice course, an advanced substance use treatment in groups practice course), and a required 500-hour supervised internship in an approved substance use treatment setting.

PREREQUISITES

A master's degree in social work, counseling, or similar helping profession is required, including 125 hours of generalist (theory and practice) mental health training.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

As part of the program, you will complete 500 hours of supervised fieldwork in an approved substance use treatment setting.

CERTIFICATE IN EMPOWERING WOMEN: SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN & GIRLS

This program offers students an opportunity to obtain a completely online certification for working with women focusing on South Asian women and girls, a population that is underserved and high-need. Students will develop an awareness of the intersections of poverty, gender, politics, and culture and be properly trained to practice global sensitivity while working with this specific population of women.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The certificate can be completed in 1 year. Students will take courses beginning in the Fall semester and will continue in the spring and summer semesters.

PREREQUISITES

The certificate is open to students across all disciplines, including Social Work, Theology, Business Management, Nursing, Law, Education, and Women and Gender Studies; it is open to both undergraduate and graduate students as well as to professionals.

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ADVANCED PRACTICE PROGRAM (SMHAPP)

This online program equips mental health professionals to better effect positive psychosocial development in their students. You will learn to foster greater collaboration between schools and families, implement strength-based interventions, advocate for whole-school interventions, and become more data driven and evidence informed.

The program is ideal for social workers and other school mental health professionals at Illinois Public Schools who want to improve their earning potential.

- This program consists of 15 credit hours, including two synchronous courses, two asynchronous online courses, and one hybrid elective class.
- The degree offers full-time enrollment
Average time to completion (full time): 2 years
- All courses are offered online (one in-person immersion weekend required)

PREREQUISITES

An MSW or master's degree (MA in school counseling, school psychology, or other counseling degree) is required, along with current employment in a school-based setting.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE: SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER ENDORSEMENT

This program is for those who have an MSW degree from an accredited school of social work and who are seeking a Professional Educator License with an endorsement in School Social Work. (previously Type 73 certification)

Students who complete this program will be eligible for their licensure as a School Social Worker in Illinois.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The degree offers part-time enrollment
Average time to completion (part time): 1 year

The program requires a minimum of four courses, including an online integrated seminar and a supervised placement in an approved traditional Illinois public school.

PREREQUISITES

An MSW degree is required for admission. PEL entitlement is based on the requirements of the Illinois State Board of Education. (may include basic skills testing, content exam completion, etc.)

EXTERNSHIPS

You will complete a supervised externship in an approved traditional Illinois public school for a minimum of 600 hours, following the school district's academic calendar.

FACULTY

Our faculty have a wide variety of clinical and policy-based research interests, including school social work, mental health, health care, children & families, leadership & development, migration & immigration, gerontology, and many others.

Many faculty conduct their own private practice with clients in addition to their Loyola position.

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
AND DEADLINES

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