

### About the Program

The Training for Addiction Professionals (TAP) Program is an educational training program for individuals seeking to become an alcohol/drug counselor. The program contracts with the State of Nebraska, Division of Behavioral Health to provide quality, affordable substance abuse training statewide. The program also provides continuing education to professionals already in the field.

The TAP Program works closely with the state's Regulation & Licensure Division. All core and continuing education classes undergo a pre-approval process. This allows TAP participants to be assured that the education provided to them adheres to the standards and regulations of the state of Nebraska's Title 172, Chapter 15.

### Core Education

The core education schedule is designed for professionals to complete one (1) training in a week's timeframe. Each of the eight core courses is offered a minimum of once each six months. Therefore, you can potentially complete all your educational requirements within six months, if time and finances permit. Most participants complete the program in a year; however, you can take longer if needed.

#### The Eight Core Classes

- Δ Alcohol/Drug Assessment, Case Planning & Management
- Δ Clinical Treatment Issues in Chemical Dependency
- Counseling Theories & Techniques
- Group Counseling
- Human Growth & Development
- Δ Medical & Psychosocial Aspects of Alcohol/Drug & Addictions
- Multicultural Counseling
- Professional Ethics & Issues

(Δ indicates alcohol/drug specific class).

Classes can be completed in any order. However, it may be beneficial to complete the classes specific to alcohol and drugs after you have taken some of the other courses. Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHPs) are only required to complete the three alcohol/drug specific classes, due to previous training.

The TAP Program is not accredited and classes do not offer college credit.

## Continuing Education

As a substance abuse counselor, continuing education is required to maintain your license. The TAP Program offers continuing education and strives to bring professionals the most up to date trainings on a variety of topics. All continuing education is pre-approved for LADC's and will also satisfy continuing education requirements for LMHP's.

## ASI/CASI Training and Criminal Justice Workshops

As a substance abuse counselor or professional with substance abuse in your scope of practice, you are eligible to become a Registered Provider of Substance Abuse Services with the Office of Probation Administration. To be considered for the provider list, specific education is required. The TAP Program is a provider of that education, which includes the ASI Training and/or CASI Training and training on criminal thinking and behaviors.

For specific information on the requirements to become a provider and how to register please contact Julie Scott at the Office of Probation Administration at [julie.scott@nebraska.gov](mailto:julie.scott@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3526.