



Career Launchpad Health, Wellness, Human Services and Substance Abuse Counseling

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Course/Program Offerings

Advanced Direct Care Skills Micro-Credential

The Micro-Credential in Advanced Direct Care Knowledge is the third and final credential being offered for direct care workers. This final credential focuses on special areas of interest for direct care workers based on the populations they serve. The credential allows workers to choose electives to advance their knowledge in specific content areas and current trends related to their work environments. The credential provides advance knowledge in the areas of psychology, mental health, and addictions. Additional content focuses on cultural competency, self-well-being and personal effectiveness. The content is designed to further increase the professional identity of workers while providing them with effective tools to be used as intervention strategies.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Social and Human Service Assistants (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-and-human-service-assistants.htm>)

Basic Direct Care Skills Micro-Credential

The Micro-Credential in Basic Direct Care Skills is intended to provide a core foundation of knowledge for direct care workers in the area of child welfare. Content will help individuals develop an understanding of the impact a client's environment has on their functioning. Family dynamics and a basic understanding of psychological theories are also covered. This micro-credential is the first in a series of three stackable credentials.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Social and Human Service Assistants (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-and-human-service-assistants.htm>)

CASAC-T Educational Core I Micro-Credential

The CASAC Educational Core I Micro-credential is intended to provide the beginning pre-requisite courses for individuals looking to acquire their CASAC-T and who have an existing degree in a relevant field. Prospective students do not need to be employed in the field.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Not Available

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CASAC-T Educational Core I Micro-Credential

The Micro-credential CASAC Core III micro-credential is the third and final credential required for individuals to complete the core educational components by OASAS to receive their CASAC-T. The final credential focuses on special areas of treatment and assessment. A second internship with the successful completion of 168 field hours in an approved OASAS facility and seminar are also required. Additionally this credential focuses on working with diverse populations and understanding the social and cultural norms associated with addictions. Content focuses on developing a foundation for cultural competence and developing the ability to adjust assessment and treatment planning to cultural characteristics of clients.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Not Available

CASAC-T Educational Core II Micro-Credential

The Micro-credential CASAC Core II is the second micro-credential being offered for individuals in the helping professions interested in receiving their CASAC-T. The second credential focuses on advanced skills in chemical dependency treatment and provides students with an internship in an approved OASAS setting and seminar. The internship will consist of 168 hours which can be applied to the required clock hours needed for the CASAC licensing exam. The experience further assists students in developing a professional self while working in the parameters of a licensed treatment facility. Students will further develop skills related to assessments, intakes and treatment planning.

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Course/Program Offerings

Certified Medical Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) Certified Medical Adm. Asst. with Medical Billing & Coding

This course offers valuable training in medical office management and legal, ethical, and regulatory concepts that are central to this field, including HIPAA compliance and third-party guidelines for filing insurance claims. You will gain hands-on, practical experience in medical billing and coding and work with the main coding manual ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, CPT, and HCPCS Level II. You will learn how to code diagnoses, services, and procedures for all systems of the body.

Upon completion of this course, you'll be well-prepared to find your place in this rewarding healthcare career. You will also be able to sit for Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) and the Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) exams offered by the National Health Career Association (NHA). The fees for the (CBCS) and (CMAA) exams are included with this course.

This course will also prepare you to sit for the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) exam and the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) exam. (Exam fees Not included for (CPC) and (CCA) exams)

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Medical Records and Health Information Technicians (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm>)

Certified Medical Coding Associate (CCA) Medical Billing and Coding

The CCA Medical Billing and Coding course will prepare you for an entry-level career within the healthcare industry. You will learn current medical coding standards, to help you accurately track patient accounts and find gainful employment within this growing workforce sector.

This course is designed to help you successfully prepare for the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) exam, offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). This course includes a voucher which covers the fee of the exam.

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Medical Records and Health Information Technicians (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm>)

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Course/Program Offerings

Certified Medical Transcriptionist

In the Certified Medical Transcriptionist course, you will develop skills using online simulations and learn about speech recognition software and its impact on the medical transcription industry. This course will also prepare you to take the Registered Healthcare Documentation Specialist (RHDS) exam. It also includes a voucher which covers the fee of the exam.

You will also learn how to edit information for grammatical errors and ensure the correct, proper usage of medical terms in a patient's records. You learn the importance of maintaining confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA and reporting accuracy in accordance with the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI). You will also receive in depth training on medical terminology relating to anatomy, physiology, disease processes, pharmacology, laboratory medicine, and the internal organization of medical reports.

During this course, you will put into practice your knowledge of proper transcription formatting and medical terminology through case studies that cover a wide variety of medical situations. You will practice transcribing real medical reports that include medical procedures and treatments; consultations; operative, pharmacology, and radiology reports; and death and discharge summaries. This intensive hands-on training will help you develop your listening, attention to detail and time management skills, which are strong qualities that employers are looking for from candidates.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Medical Transcriptionists (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-transcriptionists.htm>)

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Upon completion of this course, you'll be well prepared to find your place in this rewarding healthcare career. You will also be able to sit for the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) exam, offered by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC), and the Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) exam, offered by National Health career Association (NHA). This course includes vouchers that cover the fees for the (CPC) and (CMAA) exams.

This course will also prepare you to sit for the Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) exam and the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) exam. (Exam fees Not included for (CBCS) and (CCA) exams)

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Medical Records and Health Information Technicians (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm>)

Certified Professional medical Coder (CPC) Medical Billing and Coding

CPC Medical Billing and Coding will train you in the legal, ethical, and regulatory concepts central to a career in the medical billing and coding field. You will gain hands-on, practical experience in medical billing and coding and work with the main coding manuals: ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, CPT, and HCPCS Level II. You will also have the option to complete a Career Roadmap lesson to help you find, land, and keep a job in your new field.

This course also prepares you for the American Academy of Professional Coders' (AAPC) Certified Professional Coder (CPC) exam. You will complete PractiCode lessons, practice exams, and work from the official CPC Certification guide. This course includes a 1-year AAPC membership and voucher for the CPC exam cost and one free retake

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Community Health Worker Capacity Building Micro-Credential

The capacity building micro-credential provides students with foundational knowledge in public health and advocacy for the needs of the community. Students will be provided with course- work highlighting population health needs that are prevalent in communities, and become stakeholders engaged in sustaining a culture of health. Students will be equipped with the tools and resources to become effective champions for change in the communities they serve.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Health Educators and Community Health Workers (<https://www.bls.gov/OOH/community-and-social-service/health-educators.htm>)

Community Health Worker Communication Skills Micro-Credential

The Communication Skills micro-credential provides students with the foundational communication skills needed to empower patients/consumers to become champions of their own health. Students will gain engagement skills and an understanding of the populations they may serve and will learn about boundary management, scope of practice, and patient rights. Students will learn about the landscape of electronic health records and referral platforms and how to document clear and concise notes that demonstrate their patient/consumer engagement efforts.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

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Community Health Worker Service Navigator Micro-Credential

The Service Navigation micro-credential prepares students to engage in both health care navigation and social services navigation. Students are provided with foundational knowledge in social determinants and their impact on health and well- being. Students will learn how to screen for social determinants of health; how to access resources that address their patient/ consumer's needs; and how to document the need expressed in the form of a referral to ensure patients/consumers do not fall through the cracks between providers.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

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Course/Program Offerings

Intermediate Direct Care Skills Micro-Credential

The Micro-Credential in Intermediate Direct Care Skills is the second in a series of three stackable micro-credentials. The intent of this micro-credential is to build upon the theory and concepts acquired in the Basic Direct Care Skills Micro-Credential. This credential provides skill based knowledge directly related to working with individuals in various helping capacities. Intervention strategies and techniques specific to the adolescent population will be explored and presented in an effort to provide employees with a broader skill base to professionally handle the range of issues presented by children in residential care settings.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Social and Human Service Assistants (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-and-human-service-assistants.htm>)

Interpersonal and Social Skills Micro-Credential

The Interpersonal and Social Skills micro-credential provides students with foundational skills to engage patients/consumers in care. This micro-credential provides students with a public health foundation and an understanding of the way in which the communities where patients/consumers live, work, and play impact their overall health and wellbeing. Students will develop the communication and engagement skills necessary to empower patients/consumers to become informed decision-makers in matters of their own health.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Health Educators and Community Health Workers (<https://www.bls.gov/OOH/community-and-social-service/health-educators.htm>)

Pet CPR and First Aid

Whether you are a pet owner or just a pet lover, this class will provide critical knowledge that could help save a pet's life. Students will need to purchase at least one textbook as part of the online portion of this course; approximate textbook cost is \$20.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Animal Care and Service Workers (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/animal-care-and-service-workers.htm>)

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Pet Education Certificate

The Pet Education Certificate course offers a variety of resources to help begin or enhance your career working with animals, including but not limited to pet sitting, kennel work, daycare, training, working for a veterinarian and other animal-related fields. Topics include pet health and illness, communication, basic hygiene for pets, and even writing a resume and preparing for an interview. In order to successfully complete this program and be eligible for a certificate, you must successfully complete the online course, complete a pet First Aid/CPR class and complete at least 100 hours of internships at an approved animal care facility within six months of the end of the course.

Times available for internships are at the discretion of the animal care facility. Weekend and evening schedules may not be able to be accommodated.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Animal Care and Service Workers (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/animal-care-and-service-workers.htm>)

Pharmacy Technician - Blended

This course provides both job training and preparation for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. It focuses on the retail pharmacy industry and emphasizes the importance of customer service. Those students who wish to work in hospital or veterinary pharmacies will generally receive additional on-the-job training specific to those environments.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Pharmacy Technicians (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacy-technicians.htm>)

Pharmacy Technician - Online

This course provides both job training and preparation for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. It focuses on the retail pharmacy industry and emphasizes the importance of customer service. Those students who wish to work in hospital or veterinary pharmacies will generally receive additional on-the-job training specific to those environments. This course is conducted exclusively online to provide you with the flexibility to learn on your own schedule. You must meet online with the instructor every Wednesday and you will participate in discussion boards with fellow students.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Pharmacy Technicians (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacy-technicians.htm>)

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Veterinary Assistant

The course is designed for people who want to work as veterinary assistants at veterinary hospitals and for those already employed in related positions. Upon completion of the course, you will also have the opportunity to gain access to an Externship Starter Kit. You'll learn about every aspect of veterinary assisting, including anatomy and physiology, animal restraint, laboratory sample collection, assisting in surgery and dentistry, prescription preparation, and taking radiographs.

You'll also learn how to interact professionally with clients and gain the expertise you need to educate them about key topics in pet care, such as nutrition, vaccinations, and administering medication. The course concludes with a lesson to prepare you for the job market, in which you'll see how to create an effective resume, advance your expertise, and develop strong interview skills. You will truly learn everything you need to know to be successful in your new career.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/veterinary-assistants-and-laboratory-animal-caretakers.htm>

Water Treatment Plant Operator, Grade A/B

This course covers the practices and processes involved in the operation of a modern water treatment plant. Topics covered will include, but not be limited to, legal requirements, chemistry, hydraulics, laboratory analyses, coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. The course meets minimal New York State Department of Health training requirements for certification as either a IIA or IIB water treatment plant operator. Tuition includes materials but does not include the required textbooks.

Related Occupational Outlook Information:

Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/production/water-and-wastewater-treatment-plant-and-system-operators.htm>

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