

# MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING, LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



## Substance Abuse Counseling

Are you a compassionate, willing listener who is ready with support or a kind word during a difficult time? If so, San Jacinto College can give you the training you need to provide counseling and other specialized services to individuals and families suffering the devastating effects of substance abuse.

The San Jacinto College Substance Abuse Counseling program:

- Prepares students to enter the field of human services and provide specialized services to individuals and their families experiencing the effects of substance abuse;
- Teaches graduates to identify and administer appropriate assessments, diagnosis, and treatment of individuals who are, or have been, engaged in substance abuse;
- Requires an internship class where students are placed into a substance abuse facility to apply knowledge learned in the program; and
- Provides students with the necessary educational and employment requirements to become eligible for testing as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC).

Chemical dependency is a problem that takes an enormous emotional and financial toll on society. This is an unfortunate issue, but the silver lining is that exceptional individuals, like you, are determined to reverse it. San Jacinto College can give you the training you need to become a vital part of the solution. We will prepare you to provide counseling and other specialized services to individuals and families suffering from the devastating effects of substance abuse.

## Potential work opportunities include:

- Hospitals,
- Rehabilitation centers,
- Outpatient clinics,
- Veteran's affairs clinics,
- Alternative schools,

- Research facilities, and
- Pain management clinics and counseling centers.

You can make a difference in your life by making a difference in the lives of others!

## Earning Potential

Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselor: \$55,225<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: [texaswages.com](http://texaswages.com) (<http://texaswages.com/>), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2019

For more information, students may contact 281-998-6150, x7146 or [mentalhealthservices@sjcd.edu](mailto:mentalhealthservices@sjcd.edu).

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