Individuals in Greece and around the world are losing the battle to addiction, making the need for qualified addiction counselors more important than ever.

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MASTER OF ARTS (MA) IN ADDICTION COUNSELING

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Overview
The MA in Addiction Counseling offers in-depth knowledge of the theory and process of addiction and specialized counseling skills for working with a rising population diagnosed with addiction behaviors/disorders. Through an integrated curriculum involving psychology theory, skills development and practical experience, the program prepares candidates to be self-reflective, respectful, and ethical practitioners, committed to professional development and high professional standards. The MA in Addiction Counseling shares core counseling courses with the MS in Counseling Psychology and Psychotherapy, allowing students to acquire solid theoretical foundations and skills in counseling that can be transferred to serving client populations with addictive disorders.

Student & Graduate Profile
The program is appropriate for psychology graduates and practitioners who wish to pursue careers as addiction counselors. The theoretical and skills-based knowledge on addiction processes and treatment modalities make our graduates competitive applicants for positions in private and public organizations serving populations diagnosed with addictive disorders or for work in private practice. Graduates of the program are also well prepared to pursue a higher academic degree in psychology.

Program Structure
Students must successfully complete 10 graduate-level courses, representing a total of 30 US credits, and undertake a minimum of 40 hours of personal counseling.

Required Counseling Psychology Courses (10 credits):
- Professional and Ethical Issues in Applied Psychology
- Principles of Counseling and Personal Development
- Psychology of Addictions
- Advanced Psychopathology

Required Addiction Counseling Courses (16 credits):
- History of Substance Abuse and Models of Treatment
- Prevention Theories and Applications
- Neurobiology of Addictions
- Behavioral Addictions
- Evidence Based Treatment Protocols in Addiction
- Family, Group counseling and Support Groups in Addiction

Capstone (4 credits)
- Counseling Capstone Project or Counseling Fieldwork

Career Services & Placement Opportunities
DEREE graduate psychology students benefit from the ALBA Graduate Business School career workshops and events as well as from the DEREE Office of Career Services, which has placed thousands of DEREE graduates since 1976. Graduates of the program can also opt for placement in internships within our network of collaborating organizations in the field of addiction counseling.

Tuition & Scholarships
DEREE – The American College of Greece aims to attract the highest quality graduate applicants regardless of their ability to finance their education. For this reason we offer scholarships covering a portion of the cost of tuition to all applicants who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance. A discount policy is also in effect for organizations and ACG alumni.

Admission to the Program
Applicants should be able to demonstrate:
- Competence to undertake graduate work: a College or University degree in psychology. Applicants who do not have a first degree in psychology may opt to attend a graduate conversion course in psychology, leading to a Graduate Certificate in Psychology, prior to entry to the program.
- Evidence of Proficiency in the English language: TOEFL, IELTS, Proficiency, or GCE
- Motivation or relevant experience to specialize in this area: for example, work experience in education, counseling, sponsorship, relevant social/community/voluntary work etc.
- Suitability for counseling and therapeutic work with children: Evidence of personal maturity and resilience sufficient to cope with the emotional demands of counseling will be sought during the interview and from the reference letters.

Flexible Study & Course Duration
The program may be completed in one year (full-time) or up to three years (part-time). Classes run Mondays to Thursdays from 18:00-21:00. New students are admitted at the start of the fall and spring terms.

Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this program, participants should be ready to engage in counseling practice for addictive disorders. Specifically, they should be able to:
- Display a comprehensive understanding of psychological knowledge and critical awareness of current debates in addiction counseling;
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge, skills, and understanding of the principles, methods, and ethical practices in addiction counseling;
- Employ various assessment techniques to intervene appropriately in meeting the needs of diverse addiction populations;
- Demonstrate competence in evidence-based and theoretical approaches to addiction and its complications;
- Promote diversity and advocacy as related to addiction counseling.

Evidence of personal maturity and resilience

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For more information on how to apply, fees and our scholarship program visit our website: www.acg.edu/graduate or contact our Office of Admissions, telephone: +30 210 600 2208 or email: graduate@acg.edu.

DEREE - The American College of Greece accepts students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin and does not discriminate in its programs.