Graduate Certificate in Addictions Counseling

Fall or Spring start

- An academic series of six courses providing a broad overview of addictions counseling, concepts of treatment, and clinical skills.

- Training and education in science-based practices and knowledge essential to working with addicted populations.

- Intended for human services treatment professionals in the community and graduate students in related fields.

www.pdx.edu/ceed/addictions-counseling
Question:

Do the courses in the Graduate Certificate in Addictions Counseling include all the content required to pass the examination required to become an Oregon Certified Addiction Counselor in Oregon?
Data Collection Tools/Methods:

Comparison of course syllabi with the contents of the examination required to become a Certified Addiction Counselor in Oregon.
Data:
The pharmacology of addiction is heavily weighted in the State Addiction Counselor Certification test. While included in the Graduate Certificate in Addictions Counseling, it is not a primary focus of the program.

Analysis/Conclusions:
Students in the program would benefit from more content about the pharmacology of addiction.
Action steps:

• Faculty discussion

• Designing of new 1 credit course: the Pharmacology of Addiction, to be offered in the Fall and Spring, first as an elective in 2012-13 and then as a requirement 2013-14.

• Present results of analysis to students and recommend they take this class starting in 2012-13.