Reasons to choose our program...

Western Michigan University’s Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SPADA) is a 24-credit graduate certificate designed for working professionals and graduate students.

Points of Pride
- The program was the first of its kind in Michigan and the first university-based training clinic in Michigan to address addictions.
- Courses are available in Kalamazoo, Metro Detroit, Grand Rapids and Traverse City; courses are offered in face-to-face and online formats.
- Practicum experiences are available at multiple training clinics throughout Michigan and at other national and international sites.
- The curriculum aligns to meet the requirements for the Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC) credential, the Master Addictions Counselor (MAC) credential and the Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) credential.

Funding
Eligibility for financial assistance is determined by the WMU Office of Student Financial Aid.

Admission
Domestic
Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, allowing students to begin coursework in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Please allow two weeks for the admission committee to review applications.

International
Fall 2018: April 1, 2018
Spring 2019: Aug. 1, 2018
Summer 2019: Jan. 15, 2019

Teaching, Research and Program Focus Areas
The faculty members are researchers and practitioners and frequently share their knowledge in ways that enhance the individual student’s learning experience.

Research interests and expertise include: alcohol breath testing; treatment outcomes; addiction training among therapists and cultural variables that impact treatment delivery and successful outcomes.

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